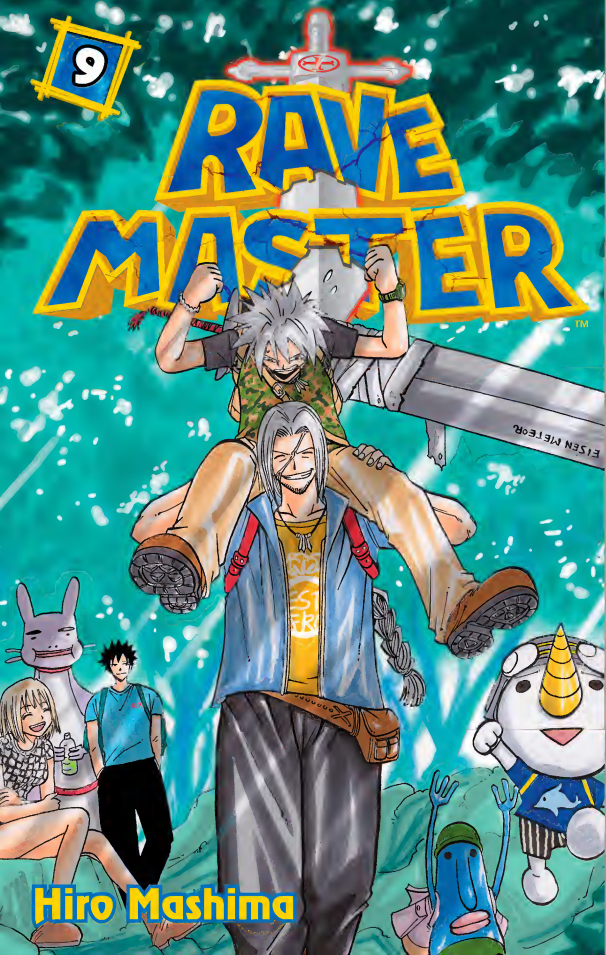


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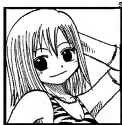
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**Story and Art by
HIRO MASHIMA**



Haru's search for the Rave of Combat led him to the embattled city of Rabarrier. When Haru learned that the one leading the attacking Demonoid forces was named Gale—the same name as his dad—he had to go investigate. Gale Glory was indeed at the Demoid base, the Tower of Din, but he wasn't leading them—he was fighting against them. The Gale in charge was none other than Demon Card leader Gale Raregroove, a.k.a. King. The reunited father and son enter the tower in order to stop King's "Enclain," a process for creating new Dark Bring. With the help of Musica and the others, they defeated King's elite Palace Guardians, but when they reached the top of the tower, they found King waiting for them with a Dark Bring more powerful than they had ever imagined possible.

HARU GLORY: The Rave Master. Haru is the heir to Rave, the only one capable of wielding it and destroying Dark Bring. Impulsive and headstrong, he's not afraid to put himself in danger to do what is right. His father disappeared in search of Rave when he was very young.



ELIE: A girl with no past. Elie travels the world in search of the key to her forgotten memories. Outwardly cheerful, she hides a great sadness from her past. She's hot-headed, so when she pulls out her explosive Tonfa Blasters, bad guys watch out!

MUSICA: Leader of the Silver Rhythm Gang. An orphan whose family was slaughtered when he was a baby. Musica became a street-fighting petty thief, but he has a good heart.



PLUE: The Rave Bearer. Plue is supposed to be Haru's guide in finding the Rave Stones, but so far he's just gotten him in and out of trouble. No one knows exactly what Plue is, but he seems to have healing abilities and is smarter than your average...whatever he is.

KING: Supreme leader and co-founder of Demon Card. He fights with the Decalogue Sword, a Dark Bring that mimics the abilities of the Ten Powers. His real name is Gale Raregroove, and he used to be friends with Gale Glory.



GALE GLORY: Haru's father; he left home in search of the Raves Fifteen years ago and hasn't seen his family since. Gale Glory and Gale Raregroove (a.k.a. King) seem to have known each other for a long time, but how?!

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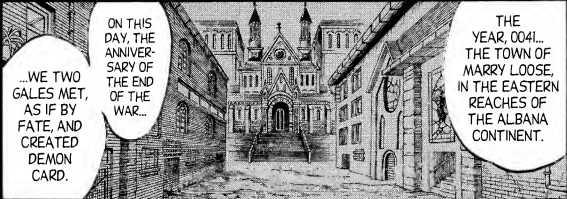
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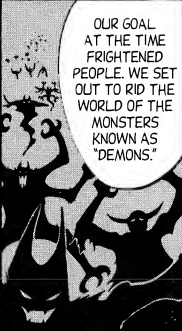
...WE TWO
GALES MET,
AS IF BY
FATE, AND
CREATED
DEMON
CARD.

ON THIS
DAY, THE
ANNIVER-
SARY OF
THE END
OF THE
WAR...

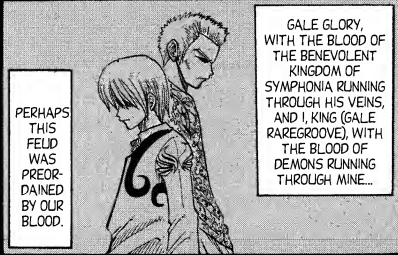
THE
YEAR, 0041...
THE TOWN OF
MARRY LOOSE,
IN THE EASTERN
REACHES OF
THE ALBANA
CONTINENT.



OUR
ORGANIZATION
GREW LARGER
AND LARGER,
WITH WARRIORS
FROM ALL
ACROSS THE
WORLD JOINING
OUR RANKS.



OUR GOAL
AT THE TIME
FRIGHTENED
PEOPLE. WE SET
OUT TO RID THE
WORLD OF THE
MONSTERS
KNOWN AS
"DEMONS."

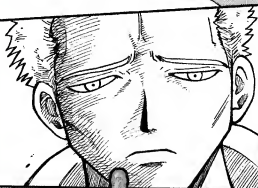


PERHAPS
THIS
FELD
WAS
PREOR-
DAINED
BY OUR
BLOOD.

GALE GLORY,
WITH THE BLOOD OF
THE BENEVOLENT
KINGDOM OF
SYMPHONIA RUNNING
THROUGH HIS VEINS,
AND I, KING (GALE
RAREGROOVE), WITH
THE BLOOD OF
DEMONS RUNNING
THROUGH MINE...



HOWEVER,
THOSE
GOLDEN
DAYS DID
NOT LAST
LONG...



GALE RAREGROOVE
AGE 20

(LATER BECOMES KING)

AND
SO IN TIME
WE SPLIT
APART, LIKE
TWO GEARS
UNABLE TO
MESH.

**RAVE
MASTER**



GALE
GLORY
RETIRED
FROM
DEMON
CARD...

GALE GLORY
AGE 20





AND
THEN I
MET YOUR
MOTHER,
SAKURA,
AND FELL
IN LOVE.



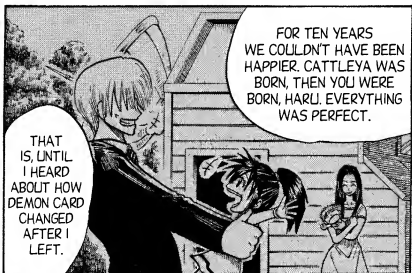
I SET
SAIL, LET
THE SEA
CARRY ME
WHEREVER
IT MAY, AND
I ENDED UP
ON GARAGE
ISLAND.



YES...
AND
FROM
THAT
DAY ON,
I STROVE
TO FIND
A QUIET
LIFE.



AFTER YOU LEFT?
DEMON CARD
CHANGED IN THE
TEN YEARS YOU
WERE GONE?



FOR TEN YEARS
WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN
HAPPIER. CATTLEYA WAS
BORN, THEN YOU WERE
BORN, HARU. EVERYTHING
WAS PERFECT.

THAT
IS, UNTIL
I HEARD
ABOUT HOW
DEMON CARD
CHANGED
AFTER I
LEFT.



Come on,
that hurts...

BUT
HARU'S
PROBABLY
A LITTLE
TOO YOUNG
FOR SILVER
JEWELRY,
AREN'T YA,
KID?

DAAAAH!

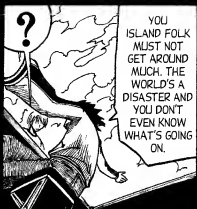


Step right up!
Now's your
chance to buy
the hottest
accessories
from the
continent!

HEY, IT'S
NOT OFTEN
WE GET
MERCHANTS
FROM OTHER
ISLANDS
HERE.



OOST
GARAGE ISLAND



AND TEN YEARS LATER, DEMON CARD HAD BEEN COMPLETELY REBORN AS AN ORGANIZATION OF DEVILISH FIENDS WHO WIELD THE POWER OF DARK BRING.

KING, WHO BECAME THE SOLE LEADER OF DEMON CARD UPON GALE GLORY'S LEAVING, DREW UPON THE POWER OF DARK BRING TO MAKE DEMON CARD MORE POWERFUL.

HE WAS ALWAYS ALONE!!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED KING!!

IF I HADN'T QUIT DEMON CARD...

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

YEAH.

IS THAT REALLY WHAT HAPPENED?

I HAVE TO GO.

I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO... ONLY THE RAVE STONES HAVE THE POWER TO STOP DARK BRING. I'LL FIND THEM, YOU'LL SEE.

BUT...

SAKURA GLORY
(GALE'S WIFE)

WHY'D IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!



DO YOU...
REALLY HAVE
TO GO?



SAKURA... DO YOU THINK
YOU COULD KEEP IT A
SECRET THAT I USED TO BE
IN DEMON CARD? I DON'T
WANT THE PEOPLE HERE
KNOWING. AND...IT WOULD
BE SO HARD ON THE KIDS.

OKAY



I'LL
STOP
KING.



I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
STOP HIM.

PLEASE
UNDERSTAND.
KING AND I
WERE BEST
FRIENDS.





sniffle



YEAH ...

SAKURA...
CATTLEYA...
TAKE CARE.
ALL RIGHT?



GAAAAALE!!
THE BOAT'S
ALL READY
TO GO!!



DADDY!!



SCOS



COME HOME
AFTER YOU
FIND THE RAVE
THINGIES,
'KAY?!

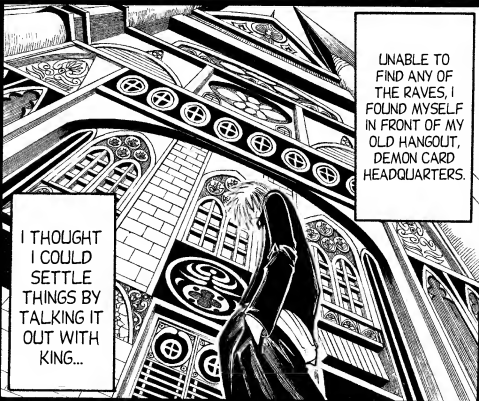




THANKS.



GALE...
WATCH
YOURSELF
OUT
THERE.



I THOUGHT
I COULD
SETTLE
THINGS BY
TALKING IT
OUT WITH
KING...

UNABLE TO
FIND ANY OF
THE RAVES, I
FOUND MYSELF
IN FRONT OF MY
OLD HANGOUT,
DEMON CARD
HEADQUARTERS.

FIVE
YEARS
WENT
BY...



BEEN 15
YEARS,
HASN'T
IT, KING?



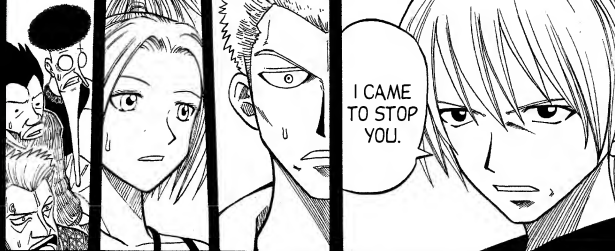


HE'S GOT A FAMILY, HUH? WONDER HOW MY OWN FAMILY'S DOING... BY NOW, HARU MUST BE ABOUT THIS BIG TOO.



KING'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU...HIS BEST FRIEND WITH THE SAME NAME AND SAME BIRTHDAY.





I CAME
TO STOP
YOU.



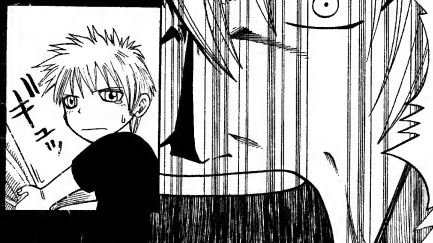
HAVE
YOU
GONE
MAD,
GLORY?!

WH--WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!
DEMON CARD
HAS NEVER
BEEN MORE
SUCCESSFUL
!!

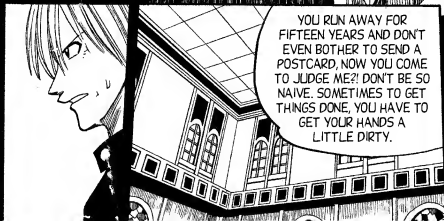


HAND
OVER
ALL
YOUR DB
TO THE
EMPIRE.

LET'S
PUT AN
END TO THIS.
DISBAND
DEMON CARD.
RIGHT NOW.
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE.

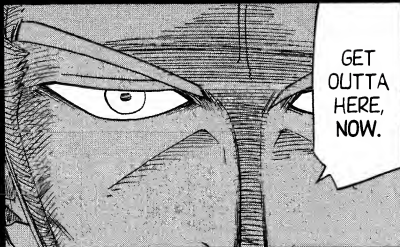


I'M WONDERING
THE SAME THING
ABOUT YOU!! WHY
DID YOU TURN
EVIL? WHY DID
YOU BORROW THE
POWER OF THE
DARK? THAT'S
NOT WHAT WE
MADE DEMON
CARD FOR!!



YOU RUN AWAY FOR
FIFTEEN YEARS AND DON'T
EVEN BOTHER TO SEND A
POSTCARD, NOW YOU COME
TO JUDGE ME?! DON'T BE SO
NAIVE. SOMETIMES TO GET
THINGS DONE, YOU HAVE TO
GET YOUR HANDS A
LITTLE DIRTY.



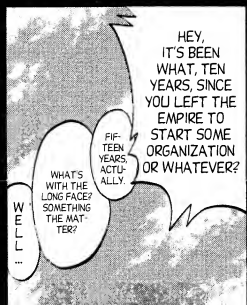
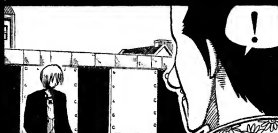


KING...

SO PLEASE...
JUST...GO HOME.

I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU, GLORY.
I STILL THINK OF YOU AS MY BEST FRIEND.

KING...
YOU...







ALL
UNITS,
ATTACK!!



NOW
THE THUGS
WILL PAY
FOR THEIR
CRIMES!!



THERE THEY
ARE! TAKE
DOWN THOSE
DEMON CARD
SCOUNDRELS!!

GYAAAAAAAAAH!

LEAVE MY
WIFE AND KID
OUT OF THIS!
THEY HAVEN'T
DONE ANYTHING!!
HOLD YOUR
FIRE!!!

WA--
WAIT!!



YOU
NEVER
SAID
ANY-
THING
ABOUT
THIS!!

W
A
I
T
A
S
E
C
O
N
D
!!

I DON'T
CARE!!
FIRE!

DON'T PAY
ATTENTION
TO THAT
LYING
SCUM!



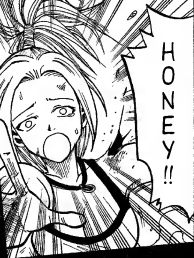


LUCIA !!

EMILIA !!



DADDY !!



HONEY !!



SLADE !!



ANSWER ME, OR I SWEAR I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK!!



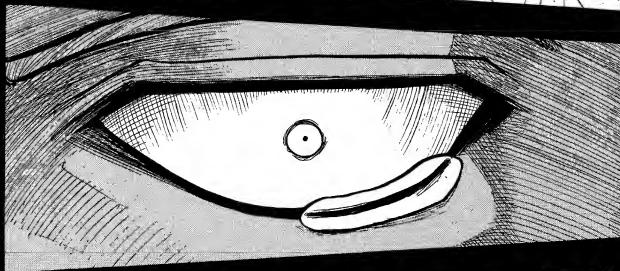
CALL OFF YOUR MEN, NOW! WHO TOLD YOU TO DO THIS?!



AAAAAAAAAAH!



KYAAAAAAAAA!

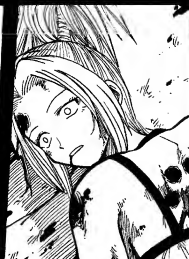


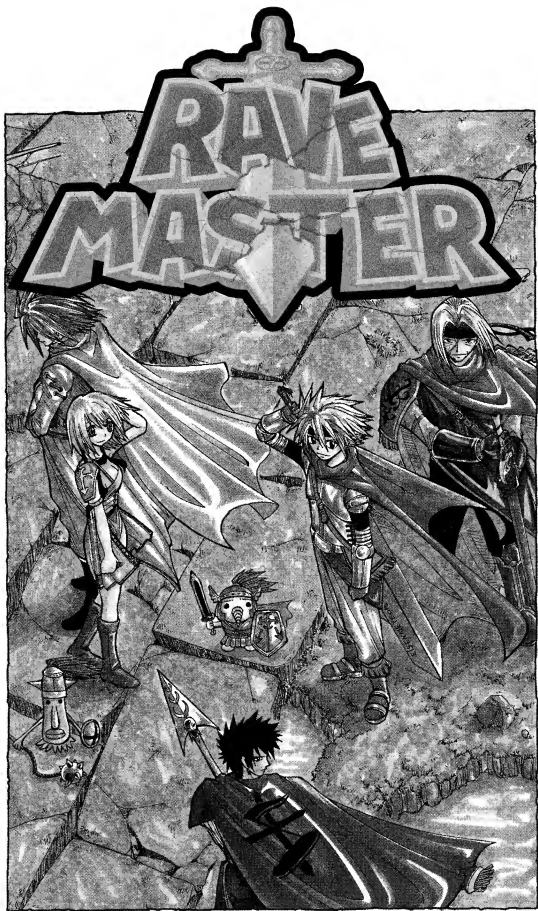
SINCE
WHEN HAS
THE EMPIRE
BEEN THIS
CORRUPT?

YOU TOLD
ME YOU WERE
JUST GONNA
ARREST KING,
NOT BLOW UP
HIS FAMILY!!



GLORY...
WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?
SAVE
ME...





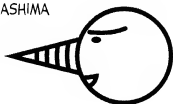
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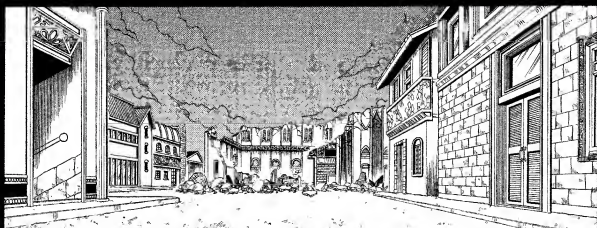
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**And to all
those characters
who didn't make it,
there's always
next time!**

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| 23 -- JIGGLE BUTT GANG | 14 -- REINA |
| 24 -- GENMA | 15 -- KOMEKICHI |
| 25 -- SHIGE | 16 -- MELODIA |
| 26 -- DR. SCHNEIDER | 17 -- HIRO MASHIMA |
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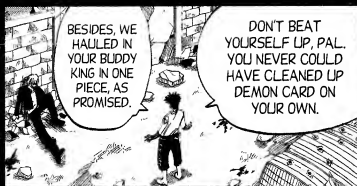




TO BE
HONEST,
YOU'RE KINDA
IN THE WAY
OF OUR
INVESTIGATION.

HOW LONG
YOU PLANNIN' ON
STAYIN' HERE,
GALE?

Been three
days already.



DON'T BEAT
YOURSELF UP, PAL.
YOU NEVER COULD
HAVE CLEANED UP
DEMON CARD ON
YOUR OWN.



AND THE BRASS
UPSTAIRS ARE ON
MY CASE ABOUT
BRINGING HIM
IN TOO.

BY THE
WAY...THERE'S
SUPPOSED TO BE
ONE MORE DEMON
CARD FOUNDER AT
LARGE.

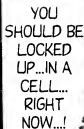


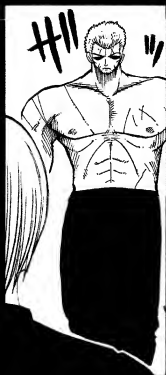
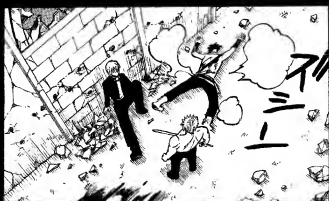
NOW,
COME BACK
WITH ME
QUIETLY
AND NO
ONE GETS
HURT.



GALE.

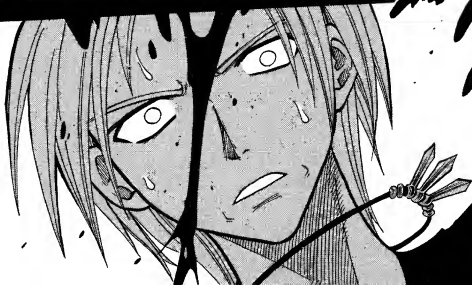








...I WAS
MEANT
TO RULE
DEMON
CARD
ALONE!





AFTER
ALL, I HAVE
THE DEMON
BLOOD OF
RAREGROOVE
COURSING
THROUGH MY
VEINS.



G
W
A
A
A
A
A
A
H!!



YOU OPENED
MY EYES TO
THIS, GLORY.
AND YOU'LL
BE THE FIRST
TO TASTE
MY WRATH!



SOLITUDE!!
AND A HEART
THAT THIRSTS
FOR VENGEANCE!
THAT'S THE
FUEL THAT
DRIVES ME!!

FRIENDS...
FAMILY...
THEY'RE NOT
MEANT FOR
THE LIKES
OF ME.

GUWAAAAH!!



HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

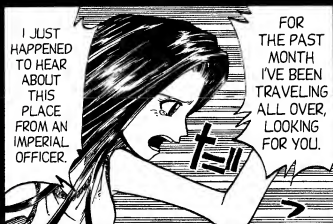
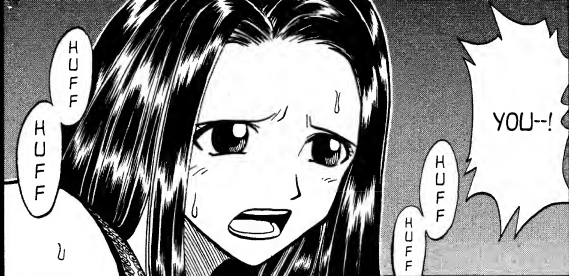


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G
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H!

I-IT'S
NOT...
LIKE
THAT...







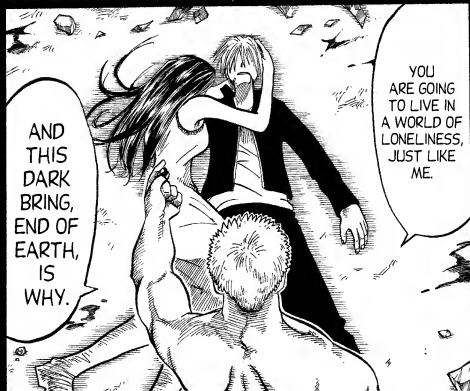




I
WAS
SO
HAPPY
WITH
YOU.



SAKURA...



AND
THIS
DARK
BRING,
END OF
EARTH,
IS
WHY.

YOU
ARE GOING
TO LIVE IN
A WORLD OF
LONELINESS,
JUST LIKE
ME.



ROUGH,
ISN'T IT,
LOSING
YOUR
FAMILY?

BUT NO,
THAT'S
STILL NOT
ENOUGH.



AND I'M
GOING TO
BURY IT
INSIDE
YOUR
BODY.



THIS
DB WILL
BRING
ABOUT
ANOTHER
OVER-
DRIVE.



EVEN
DEATH
WOULD
BE TOO
LENIENT
A PUNISH-
MENT.

YOU WILL
SUFFER. I
WILL NEVER
FORGIVE YOU
FOR WHAT
YOU DID.



IF
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
TAKE ANYONE
ELSE OUT
WITH YOU
WHEN IT
HAPPENS,
JUST STAY
BY YOUR-
SELF.

JUST
REMEMBER,
GLORY. THE
OVERDRIVE
COULD GO
OFF INSIDE
YOU AT ANY
TIME.



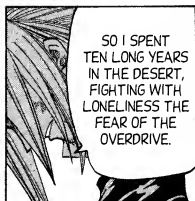
WHEN THAT
DAY COMES,
I WILL SHOW
YOU SUFFERING
AS YOU'VE
NEVER KNOWN
BEFORE.

DON'T
WORRY,
I WILL
KILL
YOU...



MAY
YOU
LIVE,
AND
LOSE
EVERY-
THING
YOU
HAVE.



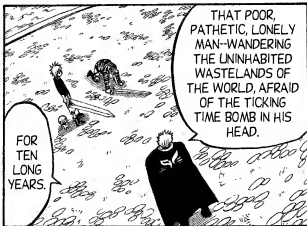


SO I SPENT
TEN LONG YEARS
IN THE DESERT,
FIGHTING WITH
LONELINESS THE
FEAR OF THE
OVERDRIVE.



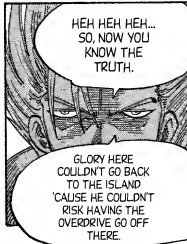
I THOUGHT
ABOUT WRITING
YOU GUYS A
LETTER, BUT
I COULDN'T
FIND THE
RIGHT WORDS
TO SAY.

AFTER
THAT, I SENT
SAKURA'S
BODY BACK
TO GARAGE
ISLAND.



FOR
TEN
LONG
YEARS.

THAT POOR,
PATHETIC, LONELY
MAN--WANDERING
THE UNINHABITED
WASTELANDS OF
THE WORLD, AFRAID
OF THE TICKING
TIME BOMB IN HIS
HEAD.



HEH HEH HEH...
SO, NOW YOU
KNOW THE
TRUTH.

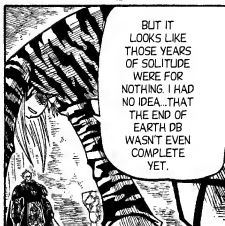
GLORY HERE
COULDN'T GO BACK
TO THE ISLAND
'CAUSE HE COULDN'T
RISK HAVING THE
OVERDRIVE GO OFF
THERE.



THIS
WAS
ALL MY
FAULT.



HARU...
SORRY
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING...

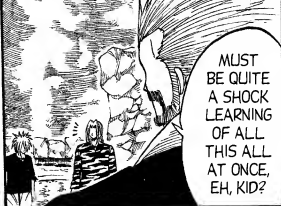
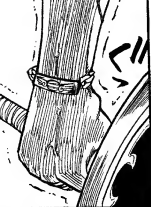


BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE
THOSE YEARS
OF SOLITUDE
WERE FOR
NOTHING. I HAD
NO IDEA... THAT
THE END OF
EARTH DB
WASN'T EVEN
COMPLETE
YET.



END OF
EARTH
FINISHED
FORMING
JUST
NOW.

YES,
YOU
NEVER
WERE
VERY
BRIGHT.



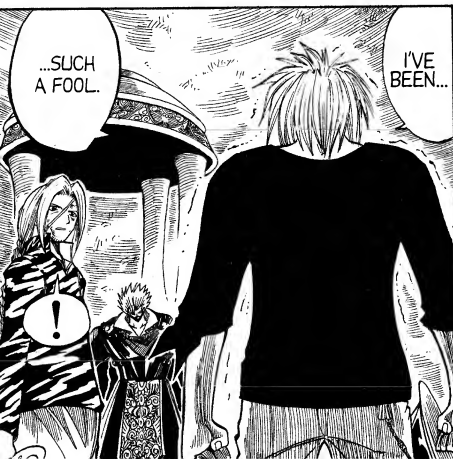
MUST
BE QUITE
A SHOCK
LEARNING
OF ALL
THIS ALL
AT ONCE,
EH, KID?



I DON'T EVEN
KNOW IF MY
OLD MAN'S
ALIVE OR
NOT.



I DON'T NEED A
STUPID DAD!
NOT AS LONG
AS I GOT YOU
HERE, SIS.



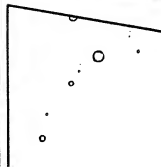
...SUCH
A FOOL.

I'VE
BEEN...



C'MON
OUT
HERE
...

...YOU
STUPID
OLD
MAN!!





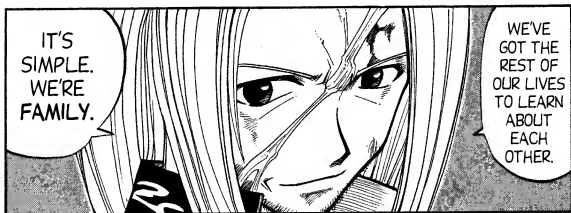
I'M
SORRY...

I
HAD
NO
IDEA,
DAD...

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HIC



IT'S
SIMPLE.
WE'RE
FAMILY.

WE'VE
GOT THE
REST OF
OUR LIVES
TO LEARN
ABOUT
EACH
OTHER.



HMPH.



STOP
ALREADY
!!

QUIT
CRYING,
DANG
IT!!

AAAH!

U
G
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...



I'VE BEEN
WAITING A
LONG TIME
FOR THIS
DAY.

NOW
THEN...LET'S
CONTINUE
THIS FIGHT,
SHALL
WE?



NO
CRYING!!

UGH.....
QUIT
CRYING!

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H!!



HARU...



P
U
N



!!



HE
PUSHED

...KING
TO THE
GROUND!



...I
KILLED
YOUR
MOTHER.

HEH
HEH HEH.
YOU HAVE
EVERY
RIGHT TO
HATE ME,
KID. AFTER
ALL....



YOU
MONSTER!!

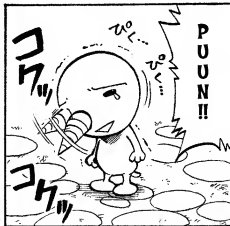
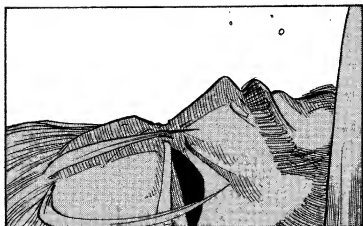
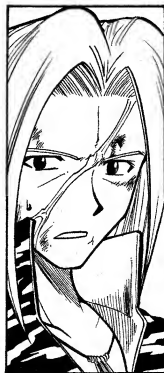
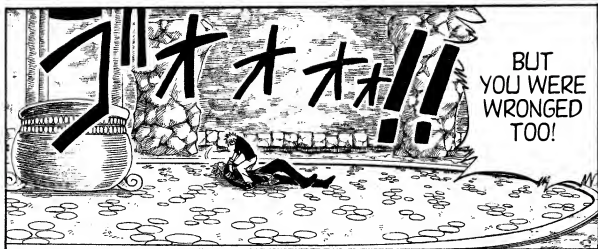


BUT
YOU WERE
WRONGED
TOO!

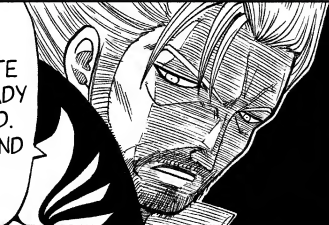
I'M
SICK OF
ALL THIS
FIGHTING!!!



RAVE:67⊕A REASON TO FIGHT







OUR FATE
IS ALREADY
DECIDED.
GLORY AND
I--NO--

RIGHT AND
WRONG, THOSE
THINGS DON'T
MATTER. WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE.



...EVEN
THOUGH
THE REAL
REASON IS
JUST THAT
YOU'RE SAD
AND IN
PAIN?

SO YOU'RE
GOING TO STAND
THERE AND LET
THIS MADNESS
CONTINUE AND
BLAME IT ALL
ON BLOOD AND
FATE...



ENOUGH
REMINISCING!
FOR FIFTEEN
YEARS I'VE
WAITED FOR
THIS
MOMENT!

THINK
WHAT YOU
WANT, SON
OF GLORY,
BUT YOU
BOTH SHALL
DIE NOW!!

SAD?
DON'T MAKE ME
LAUGH!! I THREW
AWAY THOSE
WORTHLESS
EMOTIONS AGES
AGO!!



YES...THAT'S RIGHT.
COME AT ME WITH THE ANGER
AND THE PAIN CAUSED BY YOUR
MOTHER'S DEATH. YOUR HATRED
FOR ME WILL MAKE ME EVEN
STRONGER.



IF
YOU WON'T
LISTEN TO
REASON,
THEN I
HAVE NO
CHOICE!

NO.
I'LL
FIGHT!



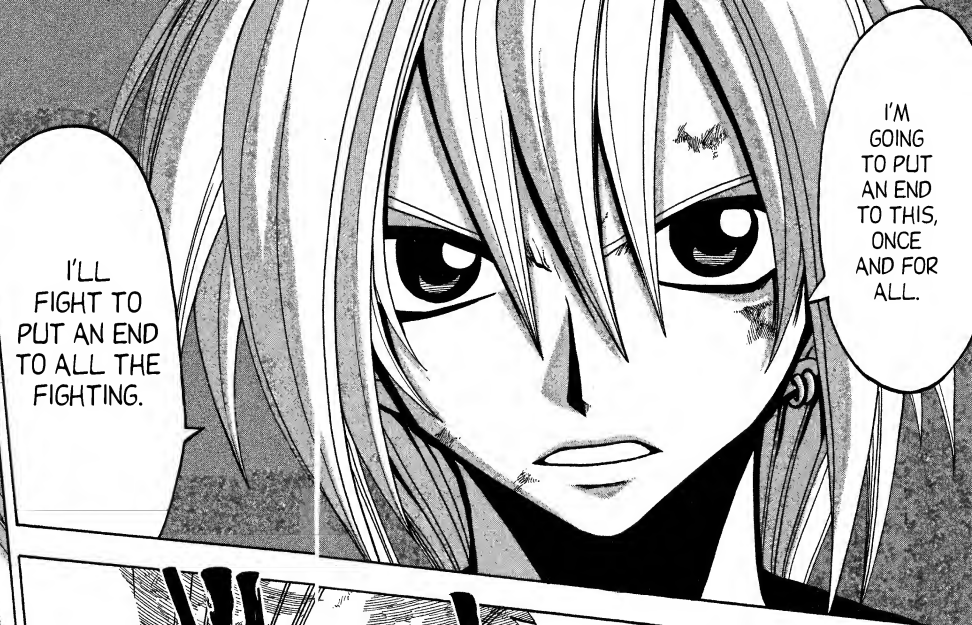
THAT'S
NOT WHY
I'M GONNA
FIGHT
YOU!!



NO!!



ONLY
SOMEONE WITH
A KIND HEART
WHO CAN
UNDERSTAND
ANOTHER'S
PAIN...



I'LL
FIGHT TO
PUT AN END
TO ALL THE
FIGHTING.

I'M
GOING
TO PUT
AN END
TO THIS,
ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.

...CAN
ACHIEVE
TRUE
STRENGTH.



I SEE IT
NOW...

THE
WORLD
DOESN'T NEED
ANY MORE
SADNESS THAN
IT'S ALREADY
GOT.



I CAN
SEE WHY
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
FIGHT.

HARU...
YOU'RE
A GOOD
KID.



AND
THEN
I'M GOING
BACK
HOME TO
MY SIS!!!



THIS
ENDS
NOW!!!



THAT'S
GOOD TO
HEAR.

SO
CATTLEYA'S
ALIVE AND
WELL, EH?



I'M JUST
GETTING
WARMED UP!!
ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE READY
FOR THIS?

BRING
IT ON,
KID.



WITH YOUR
DEATH, THE
BLOODLINE OF
SYMPHONIA'S
ROYAL FAMILY
WILL BE
ENDED!



I'M
HARU
FROM
GARAGE
ISLAND!!

I
DON'T
THINK
SO!!



!!



FLY!



!!

!!

THE
VACUUM
SWORD,
MEL
FORCE!!!

GUWAAH!





I-IT
CAN'T
BE!!



HOW IS HE
ABLE TO
USE POWERS
FROM MY
SWORD
THAT I'VE
NEVER EVEN
SEEN?!

THAT
WAS MEL
FORCE, THE
SIXTH FORM
OF THE TEN
POWERS!



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KUGH...

WHERE'D
THAT
BLAST
COME
FROM?



OH
NO!!



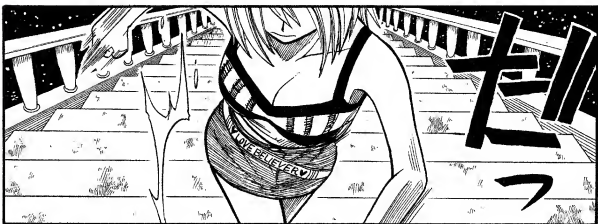
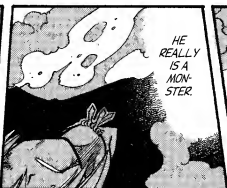
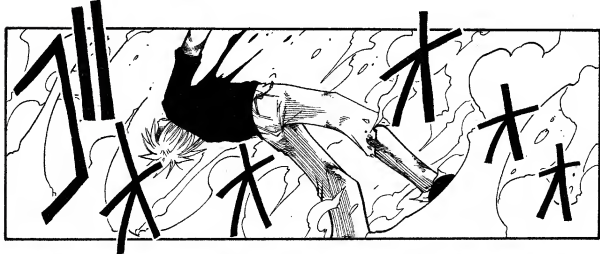
THIS
DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD. MY
BODY'S NUMB
AND I CAN'T
MOVE!

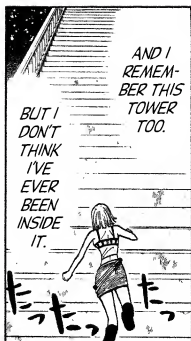


EXPLOSIVE
SWORD
DANCE!

DESPERADO
BOMB!!!







BUT I
DON'T
THINK
I'VE
EVER
BEEN
INSIDE
IT.

AND I
REMEM-
BER THIS
TOWER
TOO.



EVEN
BEFORE I
SAW THE
ONES HARU
COLLECTED
...

...I KNEW
I'D SEEN
RAVE
STONES
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE.



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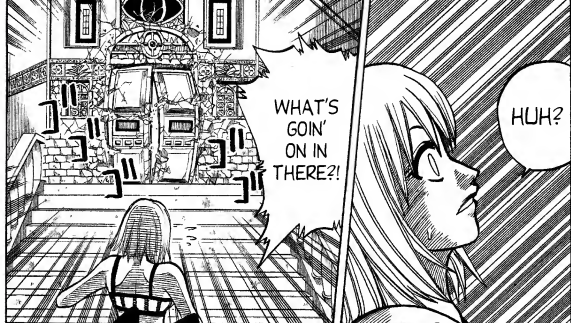
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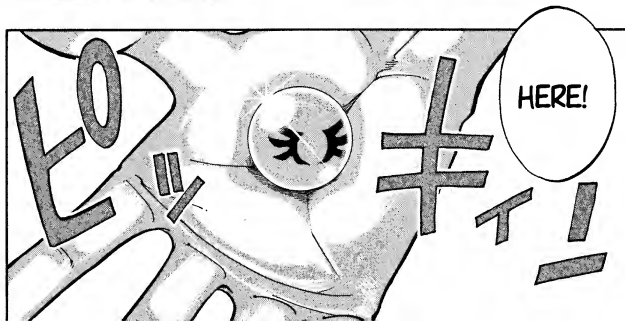
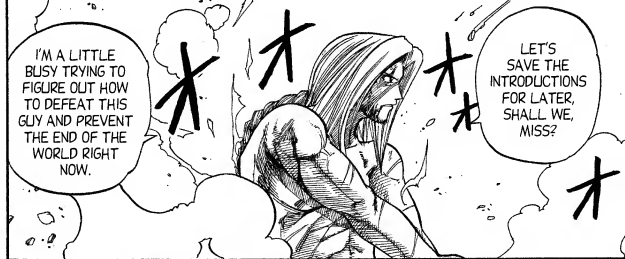
ARGH! I'M
TIRED OF
THINKIN'!

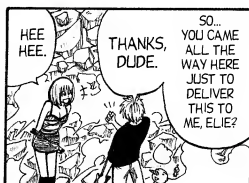


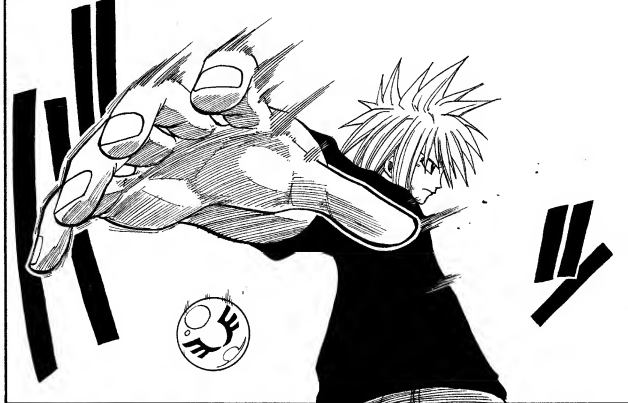
I
FOUND
IT!

BINGO!









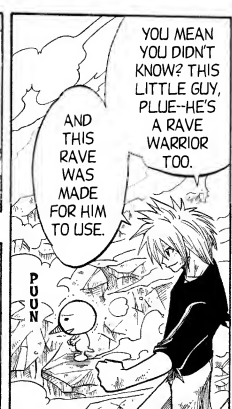
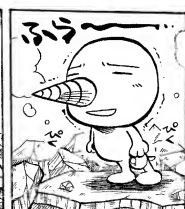
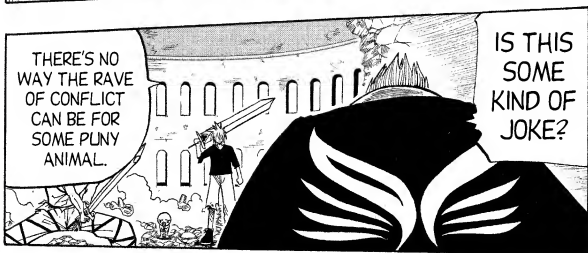
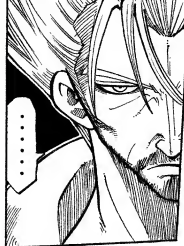


...GIVES
PLUE A
POWER
BOOST!

POON!

PLUE

RAVE
MASTER



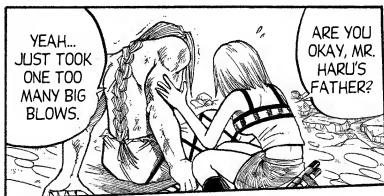


TRY TO
MAKE A
FOOL OUT
OF ME,
WILL
YOU?!

I WILL
KILL
YOU
ALL!!

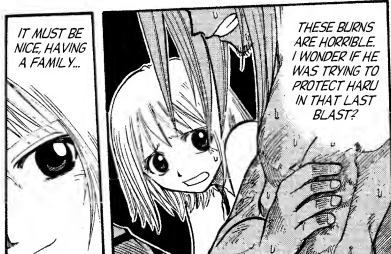


UH,
HARU,
BOY...
I THINK
YOUR DOG
FELL
ASLEEP.



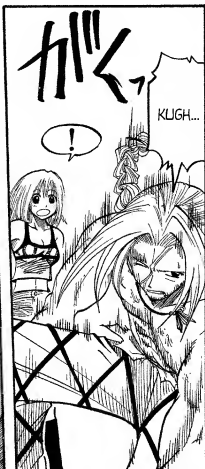
YEAH...
JUST TOOK
ONE TOO
MANY BIG
BLOWS.

ARE YOU
OKAY, MR.
HARU'S
FATHER?



IT MUST BE
NICE, HAVING
A FAMILY...

THESE BURNS
ARE HORRIBLE.
I WONDER IF HE
WAS TRYING TO
PROTECT HARU
IN THAT LAST
BLAST?



KUGH...



DON'T TELL ME THAT THE RAVE OF COMBAT REALLY IS FOR THAT RUNT!!





YOU
DIE TOO
EASILY.



YOU
DISAP-
POINT
ME, RAVE
MASTER.



MEL
FORCE!



THIS
AIN'T
GOOD...
ANOTHER
HIT FROM
THAT
SWORD
AND...

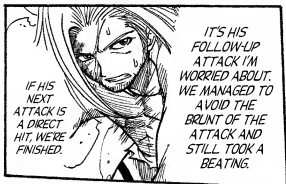
AND
NEXT UP
SHOULD
BE THAT
BLAST.



LICH!



WHOA!!
WHAT
WAS
THAT?!



IF HIS
NEXT
ATTACK IS
A DIRECT
HIT, WE'RE
FINISHED.

IT'S HIS
FOLLOW-UP
ATTACK I'M
WORRIED ABOUT.
WE MANAGED TO
AVOID THE
BRUNT OF THE
ATTACK AND
STILL TOOK A
BEATING.



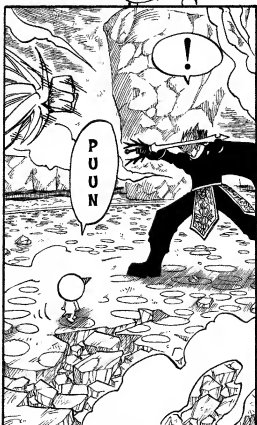
MEL FORCE...
SO THE BLAST
SENDS PEOPLE
FLYING AND
RENDERS
THEM
IMMOBILE,
HUH?

DANG...
CAN'T...
MOVE...



HOW
CAN HE
MOVE
IN THIS
SHOCK
WAVE?

PLUE!!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



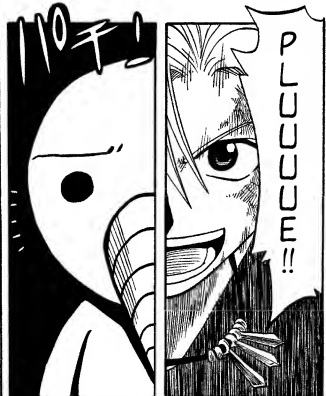
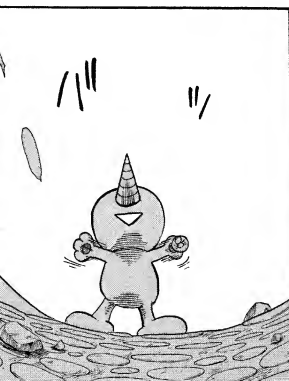
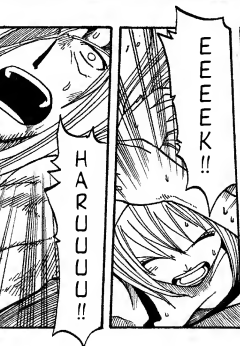
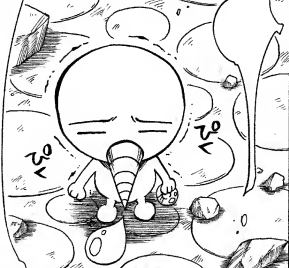
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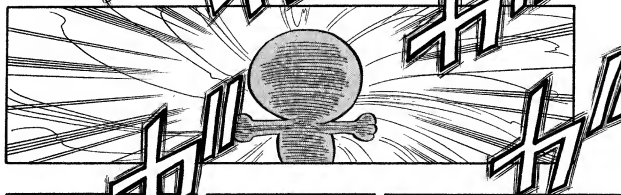


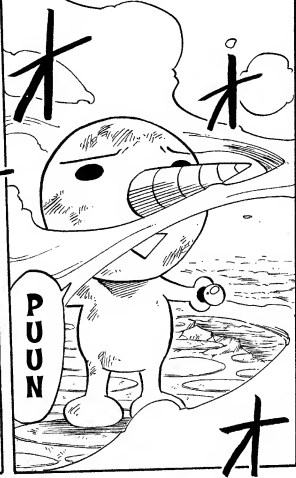
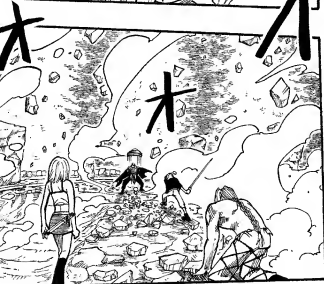
I DON'T
THINK
SO.



AND
THIS
SHALL
BE
THE
END.

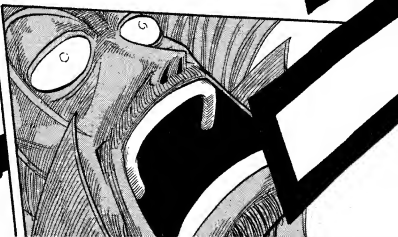








THIS
IS THE
POWER
OF THE
COMBAT
RAVE.





HARU AND
PLUE, WHAT A
TAG TEAM!!



THAT'S
THE
FIRST
BLOW
THAT'S
GOTTEN
THROUGH
TO KING.



I'M NOT
THROUGH
WITH
YOU
YET!

GUWAH!!!

WHY,
YOU
LITTLE
...!

IT'S
WORKING
!!

WHA
-?!

MEL
FORCE!!

GUOOOOH!

SILFARION!!!

IT
CAN'T
BE!!

THAT'S
MY
BOY...

UGAAH!

BLUE
CRIMSON
!!

HE'S
TURNIN' OUT
TO BE QUITE
THE HERO IN
THE FAMILY.



JUST
ONE
MORE
HIT!

HARU!
YOU CAN
DO IT!

LOOK
AT OUR
SON, ALL
GROWN
UP.

SAKURA...
CAN YOU
SEE
THIS?

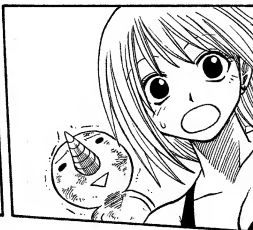
...FINAL
ATTACK!!!





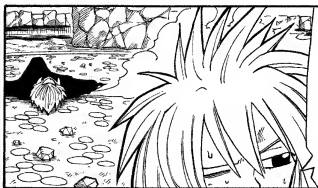
DECALOGUE
THE ULTIMATE
DARK BRING.
HOW COULD
IT FAIL?!

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WE
WON...





I DON'T
THINK I
HAVE AN
OUNCE OF
STRENGTH
LEFT...

*Boy, that
was close...*



IMPOS-
SIBLE!!
HOW CAN
HE STILL
MOVE
AFTER
THAT
?!



I
NEVER...
THOUGHT
I'D HAVE
TO USE
THIS,
BUT...



YOU
WONT...

...GET
AWAY
WITH
THIS.



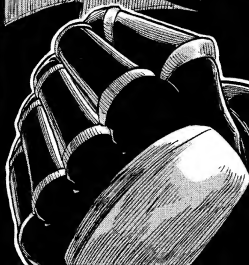
A
SECRET
DARK
BRING?!

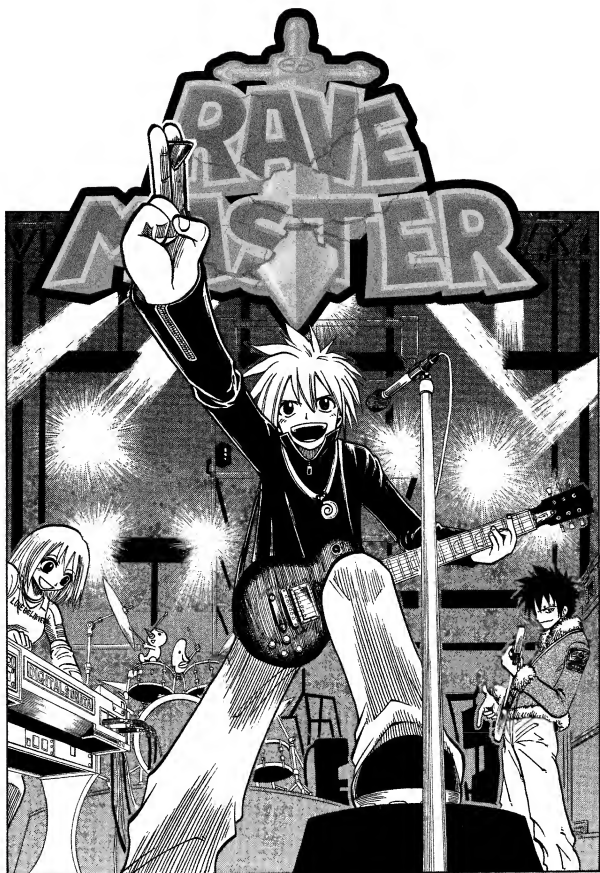
WUL...



I
SHALL
TURN
THIS
PLACE
INTO A
LIVING
HELL...

...WITH
MY SECRET
DARK BRING,
MONSTER
PRISON!





RAVE:69  **EVIL RUNS RECKLESS**



...WITH
MY SECRET
DARK BRING,
MONSTER
PRISON!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

I SHALL
TURN
THIS
PLACE
INTO A
LIVING
HELL...



I SHALL
CAST MYSELF
INTO ETERNAL
DARKNESS.



I ALWAYS
THOUGHT IT
WAS JUST A
RUMOR.



SECRET
DARK
BRING?!



WH--
WHAT IS
A SECRET
DARK
BRING,
ANYWAY?!



DON'T
DO IT,
MAN!!
IT'S
NOT
WORTH
IT!!

NO,
KING!!
STOP!!



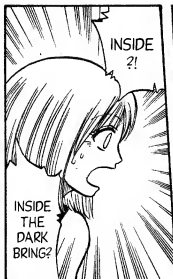
IN OTHER
WORDS, ONCE
IT ACTIVATES,
ITS POWER
WILL GROW
UNCHECKED!

UNLIKE
NORMAL
DB, SECRET
DARK BRING
ARE IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
CONTROL.



THAT'S RIGHT.

IT SEALS THE USER'S BODY AND SOUL WITHIN A MONSTER PRISON FOR ALL ETERNITY!



INSIDE ?!

INSIDE THE DARK BRING?



AND MY POWER WILL GROW AS WELL... FROM INSIDE!

HUFF

HUFF



YOU SCOUNDRELS ...

YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE LEFT ME NO CHOICE.



YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COME BACK!

KING, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!



DON'T DO IT, KING!!

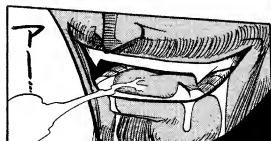
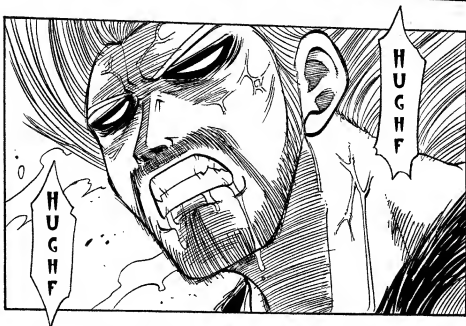
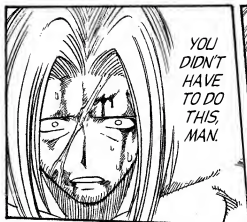


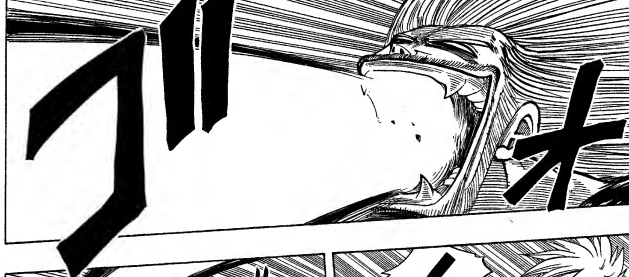
YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE ALREADY PLUNGED ME INTO THE DARKNESS !!!



FAREWELL,
GLORY!

AND
FAREWELL
TO MYSELF
AS WELL!





SO NOW,
MORE THAN
EVER, I KNOW
I HAVE TO
STOP YOU.

KING...
I GUESS
YOUR MIND'S
ALREADY GONE,
SO REASONING
WITH YOU
WON'T WORK.

THIS
IS
INSANE!

THAT
FREAK'S
GOING TO
DESTROY
THE WHOLE
TOWER!

CAN'T YOU
CHANGE THE
DIRECTION OF
THAT BEAM,
LIKE YOU DID
WITH THE
EXPLOSION?!

PLUE
!!

トコナ!

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN.
PLUE'S POWER
BOOST ONLY
WORKS FOR A
LIMITED TIME.

SO
WHAT
DO WE
DO
NOW?

AWWW,
NEVER
MIND!

SHRIVEL



WE
HAVE
TO STOP
HIM, NO
MATTER
WHAT
THE
COST.



WE
CAN'T
GIVE UP
NOW! WE
GIVE IT
WHAT
WE'VE
GOT!



RIGHT
BESIDE
YA!!

LET'S
DO THIS,
HARU!!



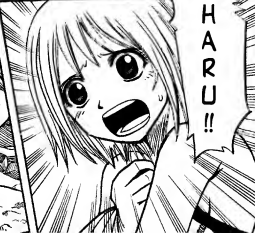
I
KNOW
YOU
CAN
DO
IT!!



THEY
CAN
HARDLY
STAND,
LET
ALONE
FIGHT.

BUT
HOW?
THEY'RE
BOTH
BARELY
ALIVE
AS IT
IS...







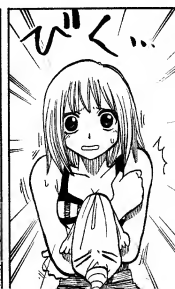
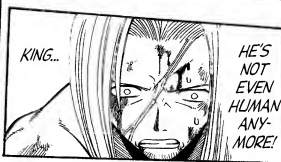
STOP!!

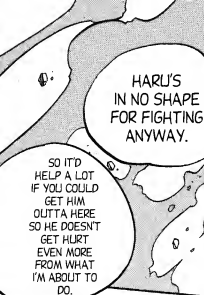


GET
AWAY
FROM MY
BOY!!

KING!!!







HARU'S
IN NO SHAPE
FOR FIGHTING
ANYWAY.



AND,
MISS
...





I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF DYING.
'CAUSE IF I
DIE, WE'VE
GOT AN
OVERDRIVE
ON OUR
HANDS.

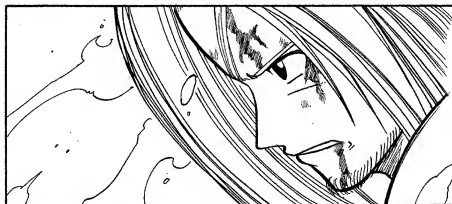
HEHE.



PLEASE
COME
BACK
ALIVE!

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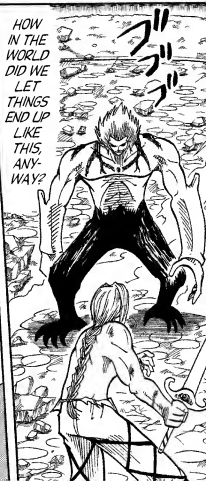
PLEASE!!



SO
THERE'S
NO WAY
I'LL LET
MYSELF
DIE.



グククククク!



HOW
IN THE
WORLD
DID WE
LET
THINGS
END UP
LIKE
THIS,
ANYWAY?

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NOW...
I'LL PUT
YOU OUT
OF YOUR
MISERY
...

YOU HAD
TO DO IT--
HAD TO TURN
YOURSELF
INTO THAT
THING.

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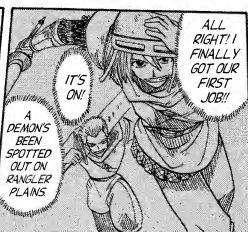
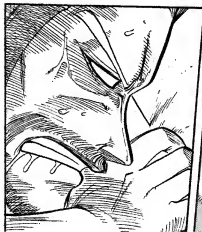
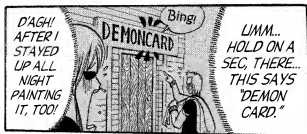
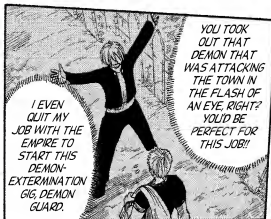
SECRET
BLADE OF
THE HEAVENS,
SYNCHRONIZED
AIR SLASH!!

YOU HAVE
TO BE ABLE
TO SEE THE
SKY TO USE
THIS MOVE,
AND YOU
CAN ONLY
DO IT
ONCE.

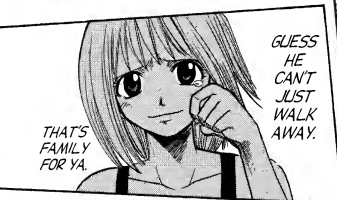


GUOOOAH!!

FEEL
THE
POWER
OF
THE
HEAVENS
!!!

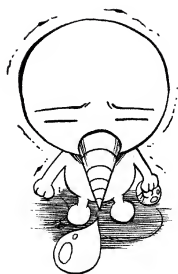






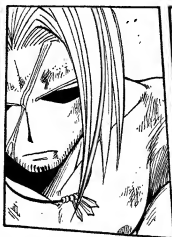
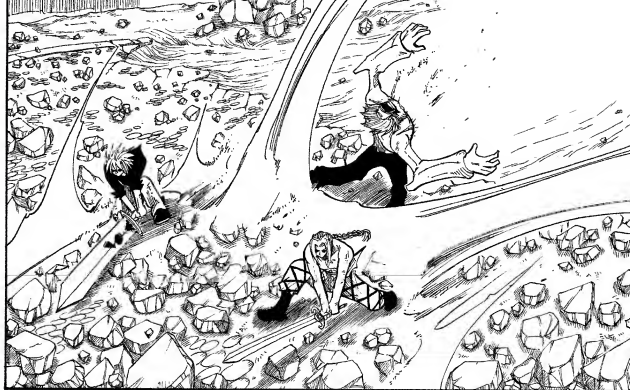


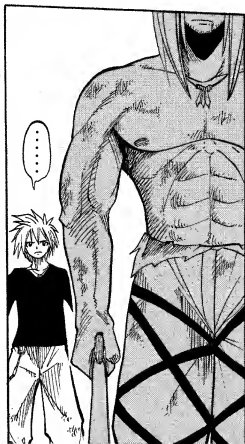
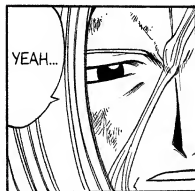
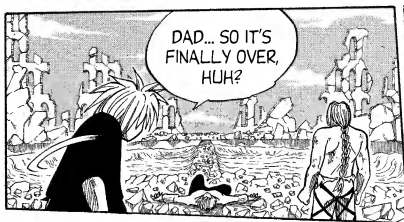
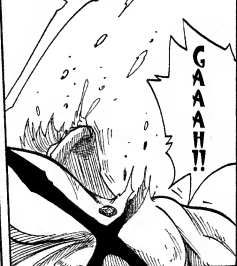
AND
WE
WIN!!

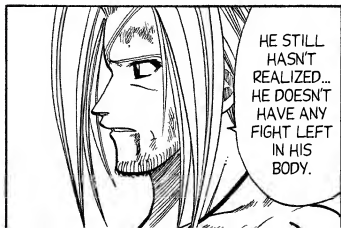
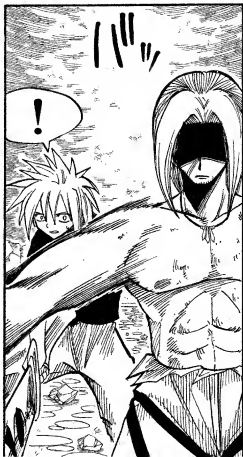
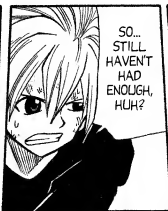
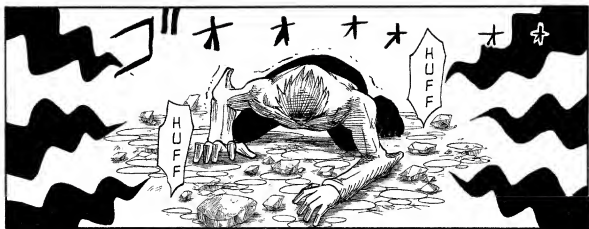


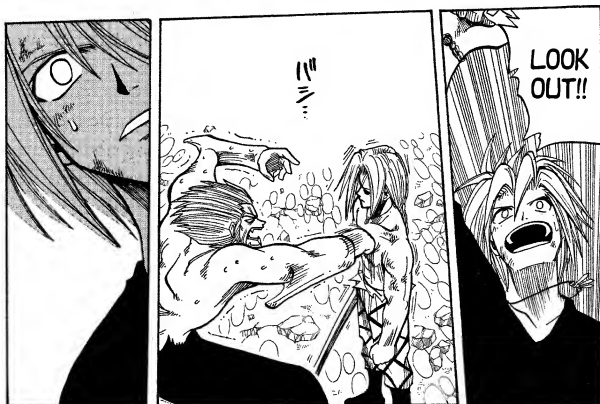
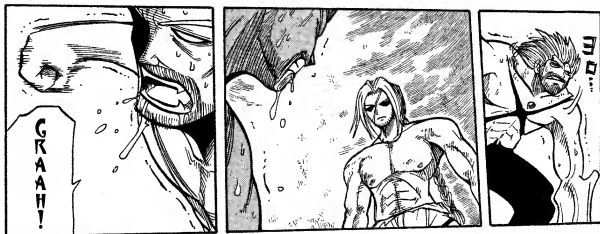
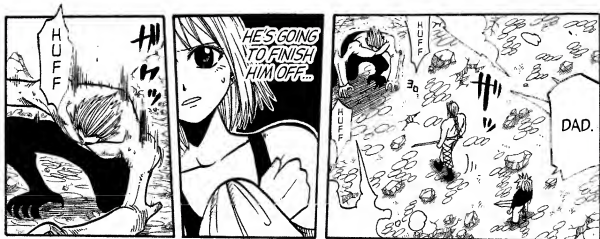


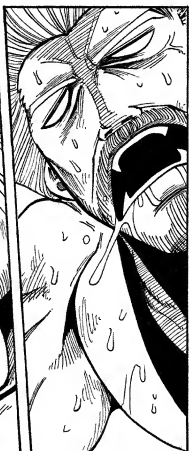
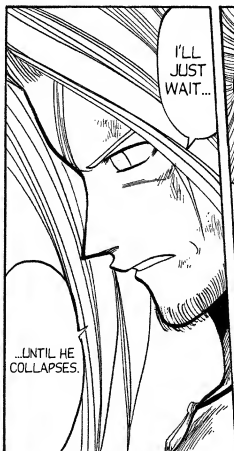
RAVE:70⊕JUDGE OF "TIME"

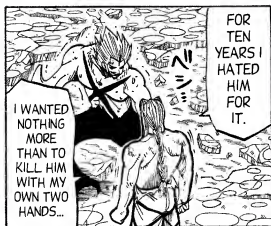






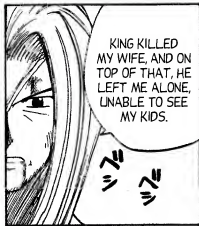




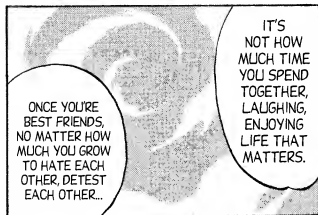


I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS...

FOR TEN YEARS I HATED HIM FOR IT.



KING KILLED MY WIFE, AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE LEFT ME ALONE, UNABLE TO SEE MY KIDS.



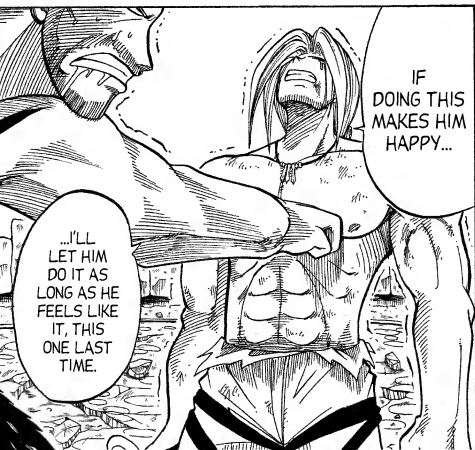
ONCE YOU'RE BEST FRIENDS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GROW TO HATE EACH OTHER, DETEST EACH OTHER...

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND TOGETHER, LAUGHING, ENJOYING LIFE THAT MATTERS.



...BUT I STILL THINK OF HIM AS MY BEST FRIEND.

BUT YOU KNOW... YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS...



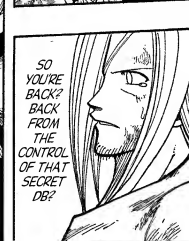
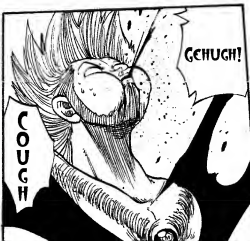
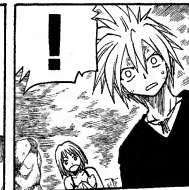
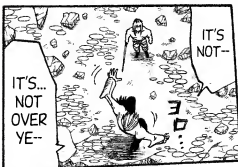
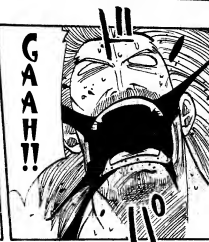
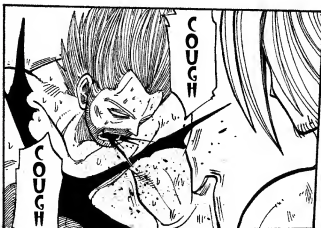
...I'LL LET HIM DO IT AS LONG AS HE FEELS LIKE IT, THIS ONE LAST TIME.

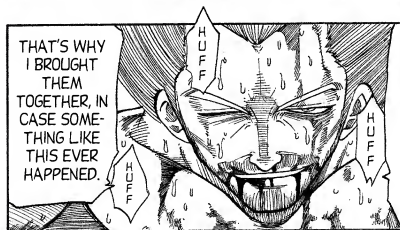
IF DOING THIS MAKES HIM HAPPY...



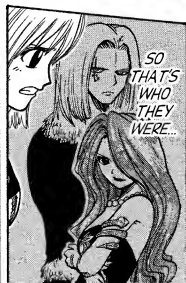
...DEEP DOWN INSIDE, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BEST FRIENDS.

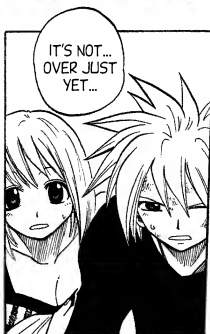
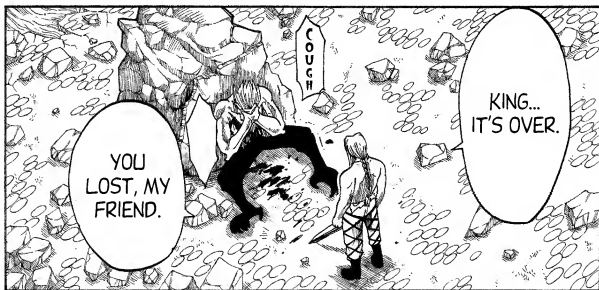
I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO KILL HIM.

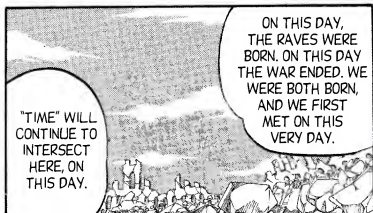




HEH HEH HEH...
BACK AT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS, I STILL HAVE THE REMAINING ORACION SIX. THOSE FIVE ARE SO POWERFUL, THEY MAKE THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS LOOK LIKE CHUMPS.







"TIME" WILL
CONTINUE TO
INTERSECT
HERE, ON
THIS DAY.

ON THIS DAY,
THE RAVES WERE
BORN. ON THIS DAY
THE WAR ENDED. WE
WERE BOTH BORN,
AND WE FIRST
MET ON THIS
VERY DAY.



...ON
THIS DAY.

FOR
AGES,
"TIME"
HAS BEEN
REVOLV-
ING
AROUND,
INTER-
SECTING...



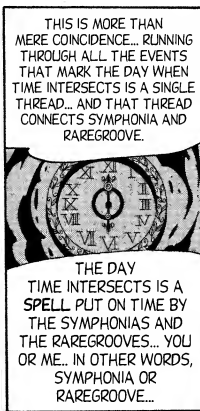
THIS
HAS TO BE
SETTLED...
NOW.

DON'T
YOU...
GET IT...
GLORY...?



AS LONG
AS ONE SIDE IS
NOT COMPLETELY
WIPE OUT... THE
TRAGIC CYCLE OF
"TIME" CONTINUES.

SO IT
MUST BE
SETTLED.

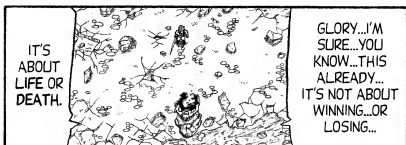
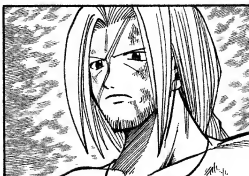
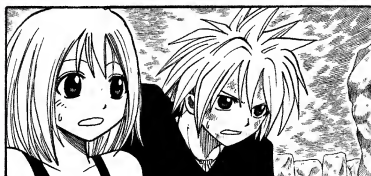


THIS IS MORE THAN
MERE COINCIDENCE... RUNNING
THROUGH ALL THE EVENTS
THAT MARK THE DAY WHEN
TIME INTERSECTS IS A SINGLE
THREAD... AND THAT THREAD
CONNECTS SYMPHONIA AND
RAREGROOVE.

THE DAY
TIME INTERSECTS IS A
SPELL PUT ON TIME BY
THE SYMPHONIAS AND
THE RAREGROOVES... YOU
OR ME... IN OTHER WORDS,
SYMPHONIA OR
RAREGROOVE...



!?



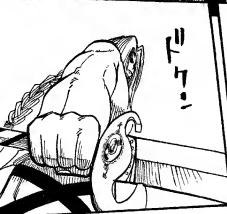


...SO THE
CURSE
OF TIME
CAN BE
LIFTED...

BUT IF
NOT...I
SHALL
KILL
ALL OF
YOU...



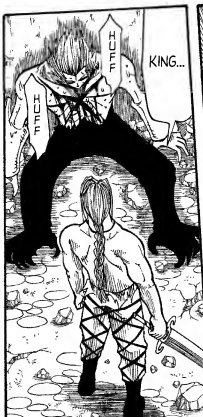
IF YOU
THINK
YOU'VE
WON,
THEN
FINISH
ME OFF.



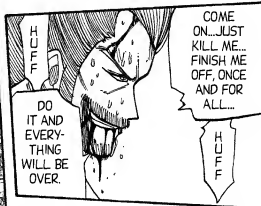
YOU
DONT
STAND
A
CHANCE.
YOU'LL
ALL BE
DEAD
BEFORE
YOU CAN
BLINK.



IF YOU
DONT
HURRY, I'LL
SUMMON
THE
ORACION
SIX...



KING...



DO
IT AND
EVERY-
THING
WILL BE
OVER.

COME
ON...JUST
KILL ME...
FINISH ME
OFF, ONCE
AND FOR
ALL...



KING...

YOU'RE
READY
TO DIE?

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ア!

I CAN'T
DO IT.

I CAN'T
KILL MY
BEST
FRIEND.



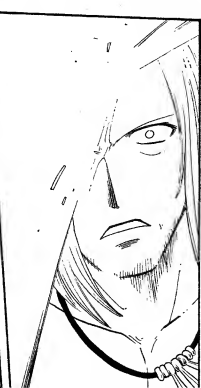
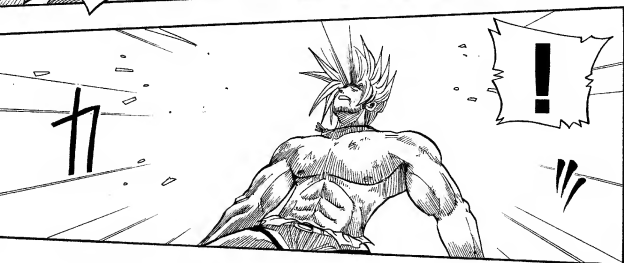
IT SHAMES
ME TO
KNOW THAT
MY OLD
FRIEND IS
SUCH A
COWARD...





I'LL
DO IT
MYSELF!

HAVE
IT YOUR
WAY!



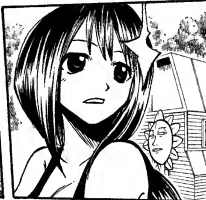
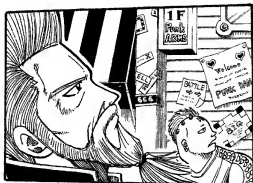
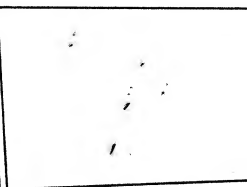
HE'S
GONNA CAUSE
ANOTHER
OVERDRIVE!!!

END OF
EARTH?!



AFTER
WE'VE COME
SO FAR...

SO...THIS IS
THE END OF
EVERYTHING...?





WH-
WHAT
JUST
HAP-
PENED?!



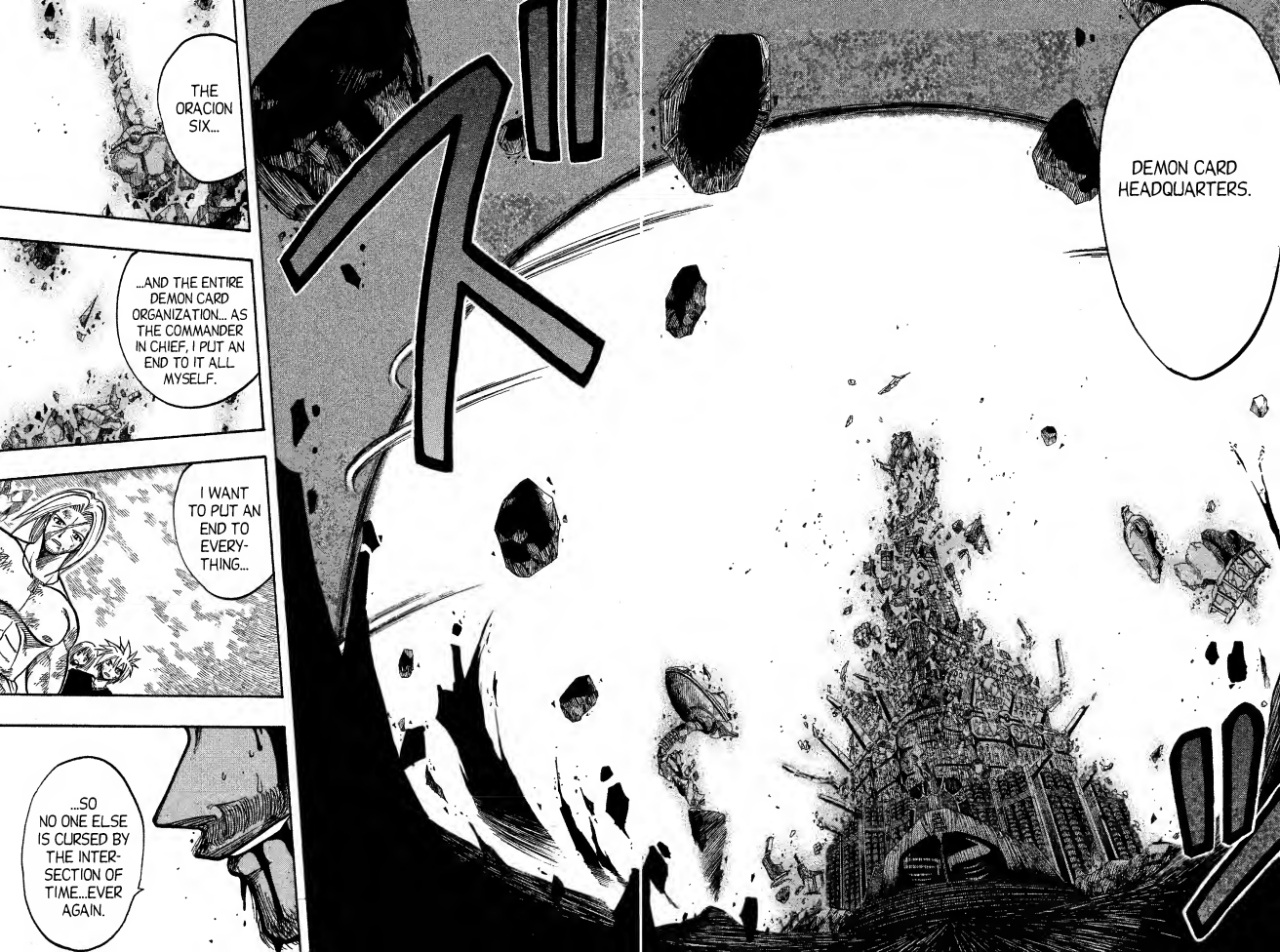
THE
ORACION
SIX...

...AND THE ENTIRE
DEMON CARD
ORGANIZATION... AS
THE COMMANDER
IN CHIEF, I PUT AN
END TO IT ALL.
MYSELF.

I WANT TO PUT AN
END TO EVERY-
THING...

...SO
NO ONE ELSE
IS CURSED BY
THE INTER-
SECTION OF
TIME...EVER
AGAIN.

DEMON CARD
HEADQUARTERS.





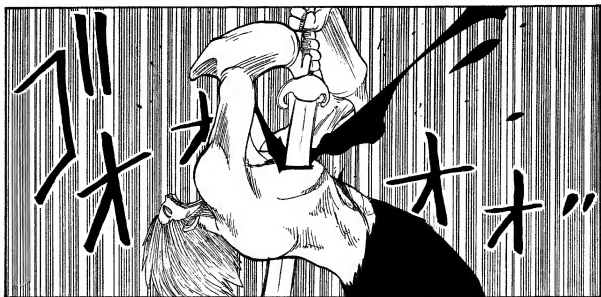
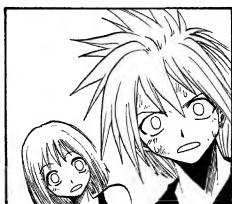
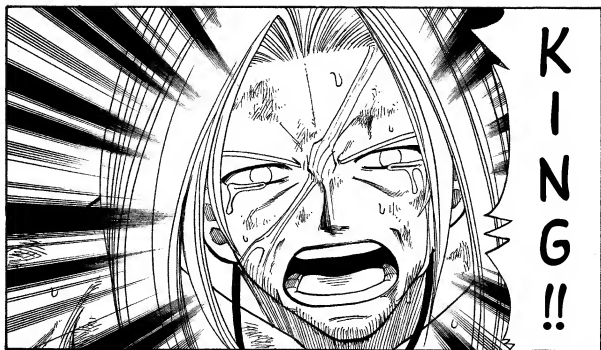
AS OF
NOW...

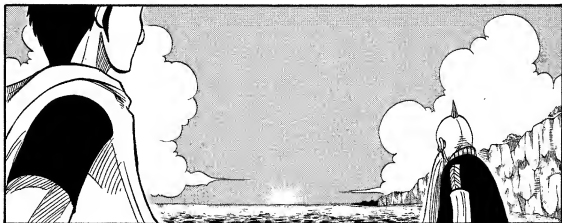
...DEMON
CARD
IS NO
MORE!!

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:71⊕OVERFLOW





PLEASE BE SAFE...

HARU...

...WATCH
OVER
HARU
FOR ME.

PLEASE...
FATHER...
MOTHER...

THAT
WAS
THE
OVER-
DRIVE.

CONFIRM
WHETHER OR NOT
KING SURVIVED THE
BLAST! AND DON'T
FORGET TO CHECK
ON THE OTHER
COMMANDERS
TOO!

YES,
SIR!

IT HAS
NOT YET BEEN
CONFIRMED, BUT
IT APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN THE
OVERDRIVE!

DID
YOU HEAR?
THERE WAS AN
EXPLOSION AT
DEMON CARD
HEADQUARTERS!

Imperial
Capital

OUR
GENERALS,
THE ORACION
SIX, ALL
WIPE
OUT...

YOU'RE
NOT
REALLY
DEAD...ARE
YOU,
JEGAN?

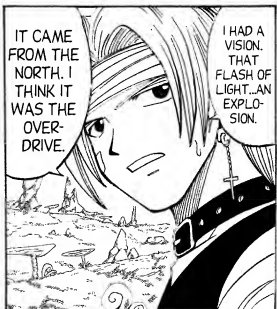
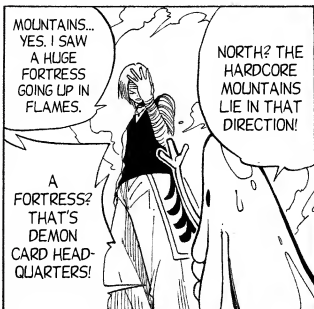
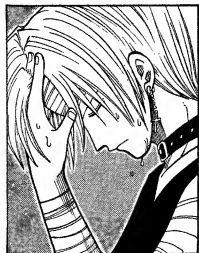
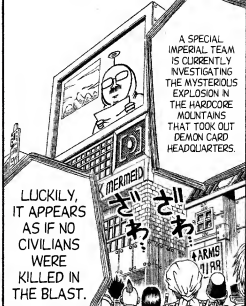
WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
HAP-
PENED?

HOW COULD
HEADQUARTERS
HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED BY
THE OVERDRIVES,
DEMON CARD'S
OWN ULTIMATE
WEAPON?

GENERAL
JEID, WE
SHOULD
BE MOVING
OUT!!

WE
MUST GET
TO HEAD-
QUARTERS
TO FIND
OUT WHAT
HAPPENED!

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M
P
H
...





HARU
AND
THE
OTHERS
DID IT!

THEY
WON!

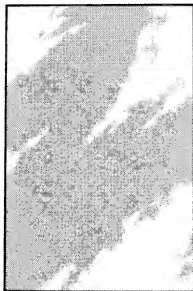


SURE
LOOKS
LIKE IT.

...IN...PEACE...

NOW I
CAN...FINALLY
REST...

HEH... I'M
IMPRESSED. HARU
PULLED THROUGH.

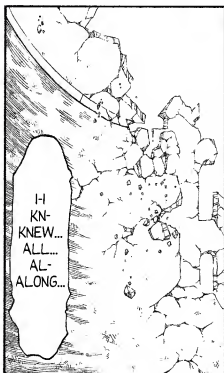


IT WOULD
APPEAR
THAT ELIE
WAS ABLE
TO DELIVER
THE RAVE
STONE IN
TIME!!

HA HA
HA!! HE
DID IT!
THE KID
DID IT!!

SOLASIDO,
LET'S WAIT
FOR THEM
BACK AT
RABARRIER!!

RIGHT...
AND MUSICA
NEEDS
MEDICAL
ATTENTION!





I-I
KNEW...ALL
AL-LONG...



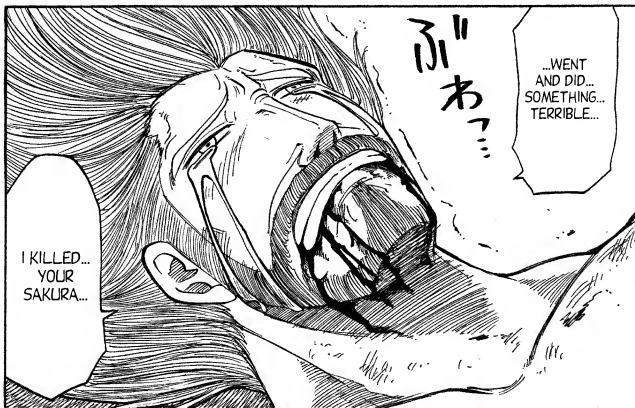
IT WAS...
ALL...MY
FAULT...
I WAS...
WEAK...

IT
WAS-
WASNT...
EVEN...
THE
EMPIRE'S
...FAULT
...

IT WASN'T...
YOUR FAULT...
EMILIA...OR
LUCIA...GOT
KILLED...

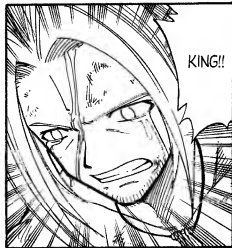
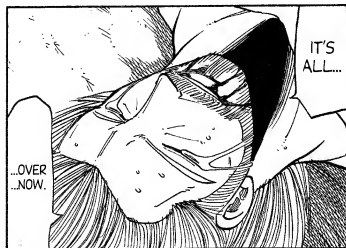
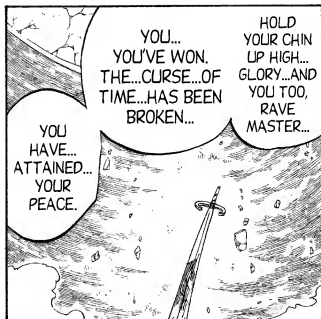


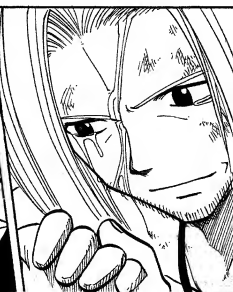
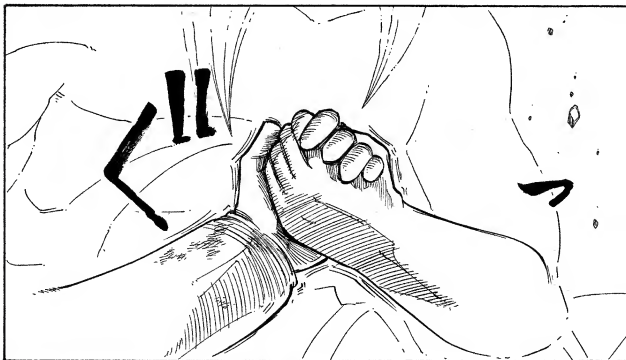
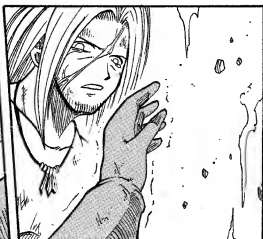
AND
YET...I...!



I KILLED...
YOUR
SAKURA...

...WENT
AND DID...
SOMETHING...
TERRIBLE...

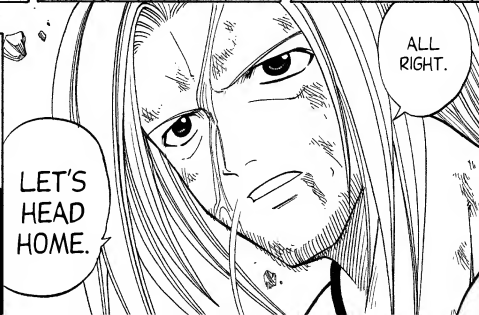
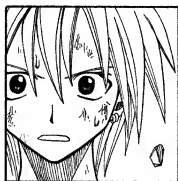
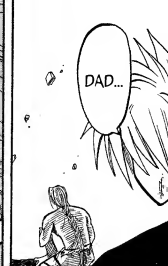
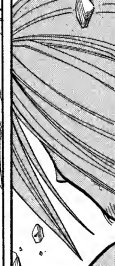


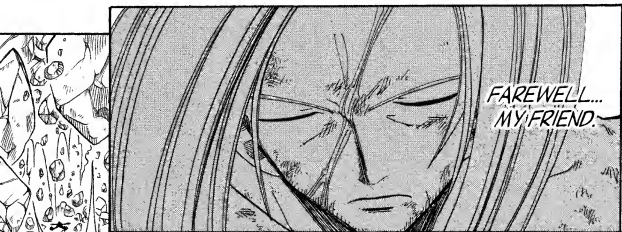
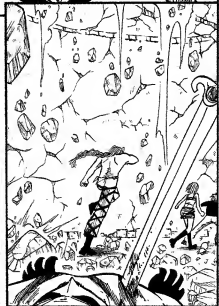
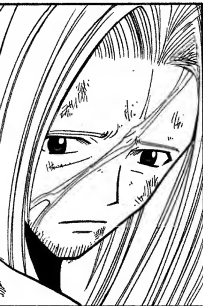


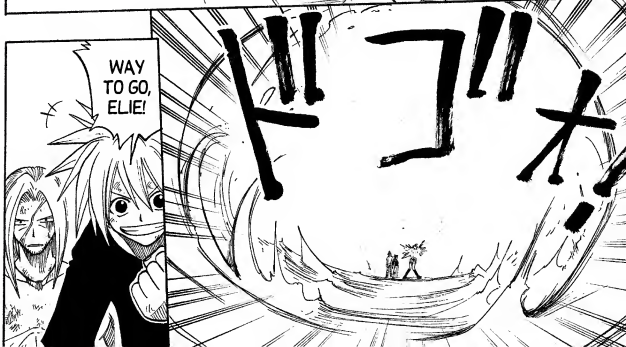
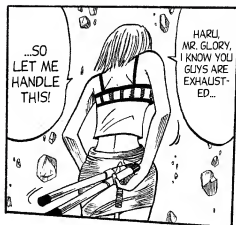


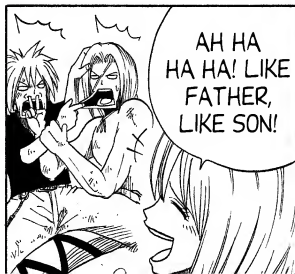
I'M GOING
HOME...

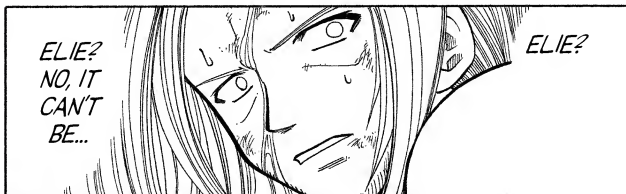
...TO THE
NEVER-
ENDING
SKY.

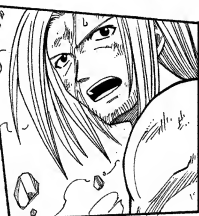






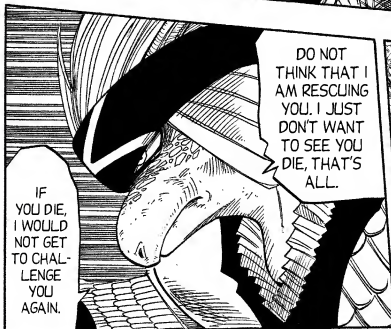








LET
!!



IF
YOU DIE,
I WOULD
NOT GET
TO CHAL-
LENGE
YOU
AGAIN.

DO NOT
THINK THAT I
AM RESCUING
YOU. I JUST
DON'T WANT
TO SEE YOU
DIE, THAT'S
ALL.



I WILL
LEAD
YOU TO
THE EXIT!!

COME,
FOL-
LOW
ME.

*EVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE HIS
ENEMIES ARE JOINING HIS SIDE
NOW. I BET PEOPLE GRAVITATE
TO YOU NATURALLY... LIKE A
STAR SHINING BRIGHT IN
THE NIGHT SKY.*

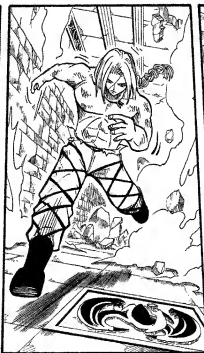
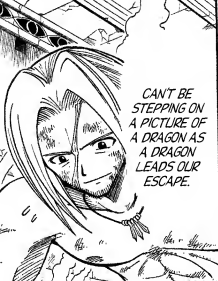


THANKS, MR.
ALLIGATOR!

I AM A
DRAGON.

HA HA!
THAT'S
FINE
WITH ME!

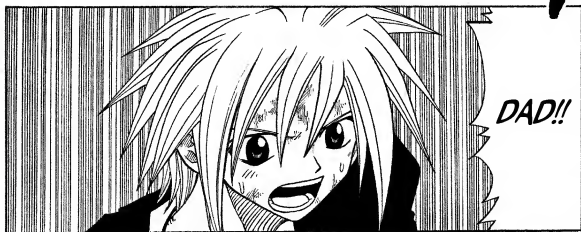
I'M
GLAD TO
HEAR
IT!





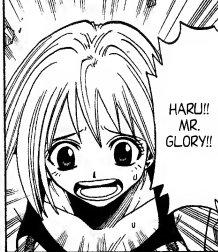


RAVE:72⊕AS A DAD





COME!



HARU!!
MR.
GLORY!!



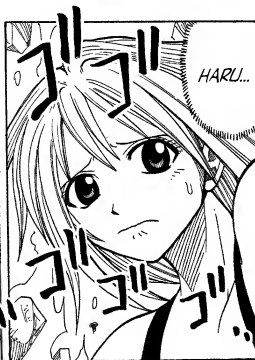
...FOR
TRUST IS
ANOTHER
PART OF
COURAGE.

LASS...
BELIEVE
AND TRUST
IN THEM...



I WILL
WATCH
OVER THE
GIRL, RAVE
MASTER...

...JUST
MAKE
IT OUT
ALIVE.



HARU...





YOU LISTEN TO ME...
THERE AIN'T NO WAY I'M
GIVIN' UP. I'M GONNA
MAKE IT BACK TO
GARAGE ISLAND, NO
MATTER WHAT.

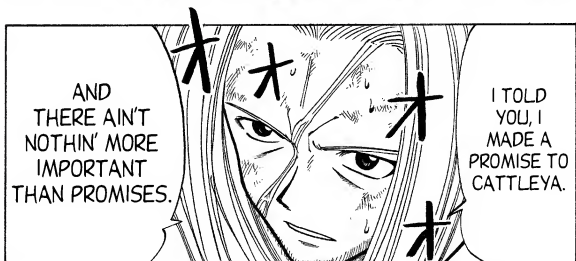


GEEZ...YOU
NEVER GIVE
UP, DO
YOU?



WHAT
WAS
THAT BIG
OL' SIGH
FOR,
THEN?

WHO
SAID
ANY-
THING
ABOUT
GIVIN'
UP?



AND
THERE AIN'T
NOTHIN' MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN PROMISES.

I TOLD
YOU, I
MADE A
PROMISE TO
CATTLEYA.

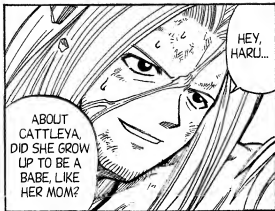
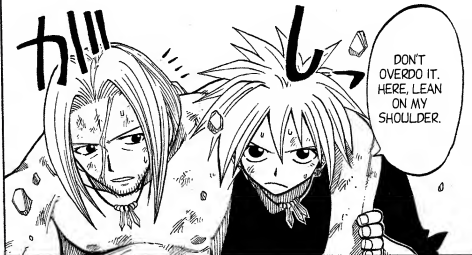


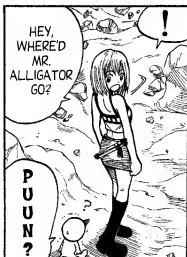
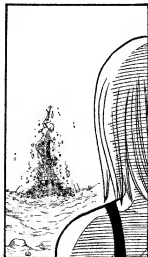
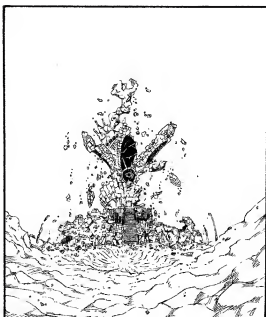
YOU
SURE THIS
IS THE
RIGHT
WAY?

I
THINK
SO.

NOW
LET'S
GO.

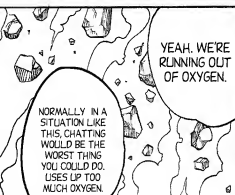








IT'S
GETTING
HARD TO
BREATHE
DOWN
HERE.



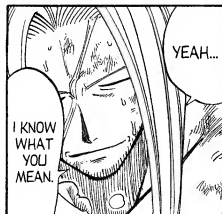
YEAH. WE'RE
RUNNING OUT
OF OXYGEN.

NORMALLY IN A
SITUATION LIKE
THIS, CHATTING
WOULD BE THE
WORST THING
YOU COULD DO.
USES UP TOO
MUCH OXYGEN.



WE CAME
ALL THIS
WAY, ONLY
TO GET
TRAPPED
INSIDE...

AW,
STANK!!
THIS
AIN'T
LOOKIN'
GOOD...



I KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN.

YEAH...



I'VE GOT
TOO MUCH
I WANNA
TALK TO
YOU
ABOUT.

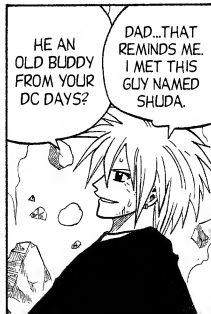
NO
CAN
DO,
DAD.



AT THE
TIME THERE
WAS A HIT
OUT ON MY
HEAD, WITH
ME BEING A
FORMER
LEADER OF
DC AND
ALL.

NAH...
I MET HIM
WHILE I WAS
OUT IN THE
DESERT.

SHUDA
WAS ONE OF
THE BOUNTY
HUNTERS
WHO CAME
LOOKIN'
FOR ME.



HE AN
OLD BUDDY
FROM YOUR
DC DAYS?

DAD...THAT
REMINDS ME.
I MET THIS
GUY NAMED
SHUDA.

WHEN I SAW THE DC INSIGNIA, I BEAT HIM HALF TO DEATH... AFTER THAT, HE JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR. PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS ABOUT THE REWARD MONEY.



THE RUMORS CONTINUED TO SPREAD, AND BEFORE LONG I HAD MORE AND MORE BOUNTY HUNTERS ON MY TAIL.

THEN ONE DAY HE SHOWED UP WITH A DC INSIGNIA ON HIM.



THE HUGE REWARD ON MY HEAD MUSTA PIQUED HIS CURIOSITY... SAID HE WANTED TO FIGHT ME, NO MATTER WHAT.

HUH?

BUT I JUST RAN AWAY FROM HIM.

Every time I saw one, I'd run...



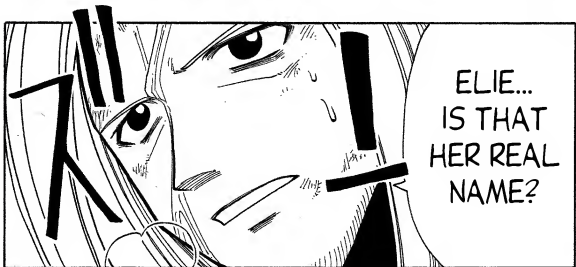
I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF FIGHTIN'.



HEY, HARU, ABOUT THAT GIRL YOU'RE WITH... ELIE.



SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

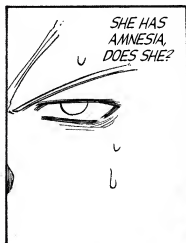


ELIE... IS THAT HER REAL NAME?



NAH...
NOTHING
LIKE THAT.
I WAS JUST
WONDERING,
THAT'S
ALL.

WHY?
YOU DON'T
KNOW HER,
DO YOU,
DAD?

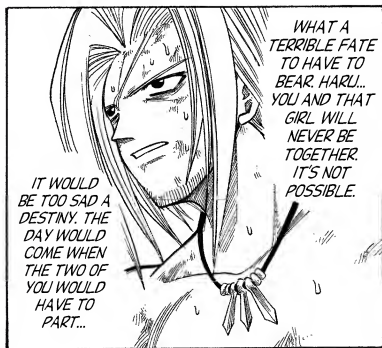


SHE HAS
AMNESIA,
DOES SHE?



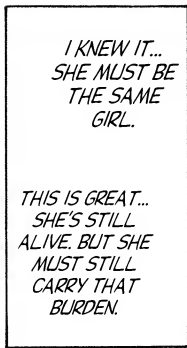
SHE'S
A REAL
COOL KID,
KINDA WEIRD,
GREAT TO
HANG
AROUND
WITH.

NOW THAT
YOU MENTION
IT, SHE IS ON
A TRIP TO TRY
AND FIND HER
MEMORY.



IT WOULD
BE TOO SAD A
DESTINY. THE
DAY WOULD
COME WHEN
THE TWO OF
YOU WOULD
HAVE TO
PART...

WHAT A
TERRIBLE FATE
TO HAVE TO
BEAR. HARU...
YOU AND THAT
GIRL WILL
NEVER BE
TOGETHER.
IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.



I KNEW IT...
SHE MUST BE
THE SAME
GIRL.

THIS IS GREAT...
SHE'S STILL
ALIVE. BUT SHE
MUST STILL
CARRY THAT
BURDEN.



YEAH...

I'M...I'M
SCARED,
DAD... I
DON'T
FEEL
TOO
GOOD.



WHAT AM I
THINKING?
WE HAVE TO
FIND A WAY
OUTTA
HERE,
FAST...



IT'S JUST
A MATTER
OF TIME
BEFORE THE
WHOLE
TOWER
GOES.

IT'S
OVER



...AND GO
BACK TO
GARAGE
ISLAND...

I HAVE
TO STAY
WITH HARU...



NO! I
CAN'T
GIVE UP!
THERE
HAS TO
BE A
WAY...



BUT WE
CAN'T GIVE
UP YET.
MIRACLES
CAN
HAPPEN...

I KNOW
THINGS
LOOK BAD,
HARU.
SOON THE
WHOLE
TOWER
WILL BE
RUBBLE.



CAN'T...
MOVE...

I KNEW
THINGS
SEEMED...
TOO
GOOD...
TO BE
TRUE...



HARU...



HA HA...
"DON'T GIVE
UP," HUH?
THAT'S
WHAT I KEEP
TELLING
MYSELF...BUT
I THINK...I'VE
RUN OUT OF
MIRACLES...

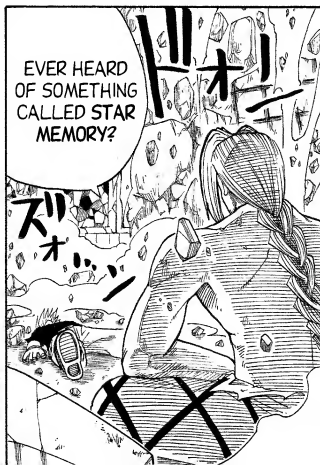


STAR
MEMORY?



IT'S
A LEGEND
PASSED DOWN
THROUGH THE
SYMPHONIA
ROYAL
FAMILY.

YEAH... SO
SAKURA AND
CATTLEYA
NEVER TOLD
YOU 'BOUT
IT?



EVER HEARD
OF SOMETHING
CALLED STAR
MEMORY?

IT'S A
SACRED PLACE,
A NATURAL
PHENOMENON
MADE BY THE
PLANET'S LIFE-
FORCE OVER
BILLIONS OF
YEARS -- STAR
MEMORY.

LEGEND
HAS IT THAT
SOMEWHERE ON
THIS PLANET
THERE'S A PLACE
THAT HOLDS ALL
THE QUESTIONS
IN THE WORLD,
AND ALL THE
ANSWERS.

IT
BLOWS
YOUR
MIND TO
THINK
ABOUT
IT.

THIS
ISN'T JUST
HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS, OR
EVEN MILLIONS.
THIS IS BILLIONS
OF YEARS WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

PRETTY
COOL,
HUH?
STARS,
PLANETS...

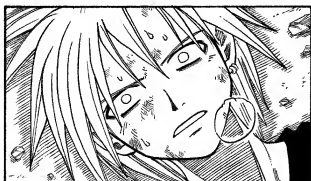
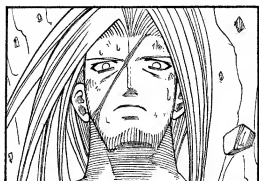
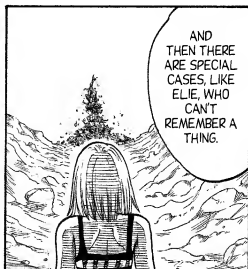
DAD...?

...REMEMBERING
EVERYTHING
FROM THE
SECOND YOU'RE
BORN.

WE DO
OUR BEST TO
REMEMBER
THE GOOD
TIMES, TRY
TO FORGET
THE BAD...

OUR MEMORIES
ARE JUST A DROP OF
WATER IN THAT
SEA OF MEMORY,
AND HECK, WE CAN'T
EVEN REMEMBER
EVERYTHING IN OUR
OWN SHORT
LIVES.

COMPARED
TO THAT, WE
HUMANS ARE
SO SMALL,
SO INSIGNIFI-
CANT...





NEVER
FORGET
OUR TIME
TODAY...



DON'T
DO THIS!!

STOP!!



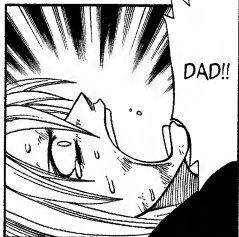
DAD!!
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?!

MOVE!!

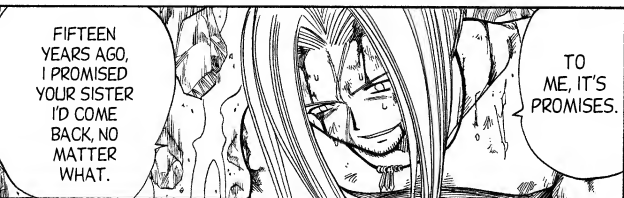




I'VE ALWAYS
THOUGHT ABOUT
WHAT THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING
IS DURING OUR
SHORT, FRAIL
HUMAN LIFE-
TIMES.



DAD!!



FIFTEEN
YEARS AGO,
I PROMISED
YOUR SISTER
I'D COME
BACK, NO
MATTER
WHAT.

TO
ME, IT'S
PROMISES.



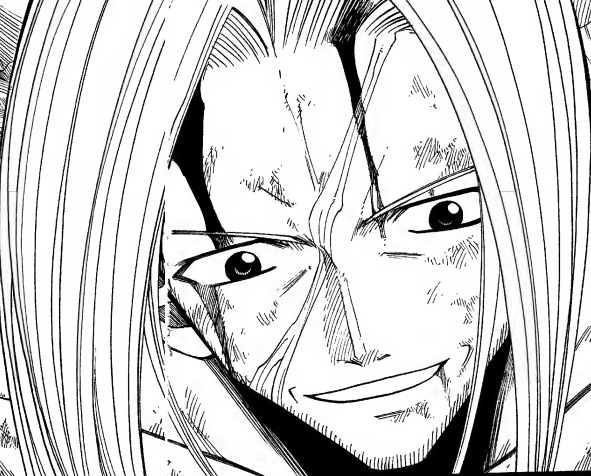
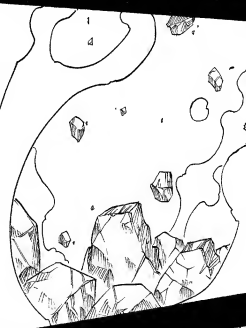
RIGHT
NOW,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
EVEN MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN THAT
PROMISE.

WHAT?

BUT I
JUST
REALIZED
SOME-
THING.

NO...
MAYBE THE
WONDERFUL
STAR MEMORY
OPENED MY
PUNY LITTLE
EYES TO IT...

AND
THAT
IS...

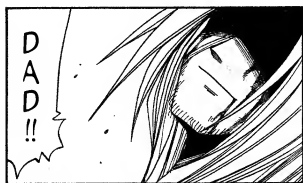
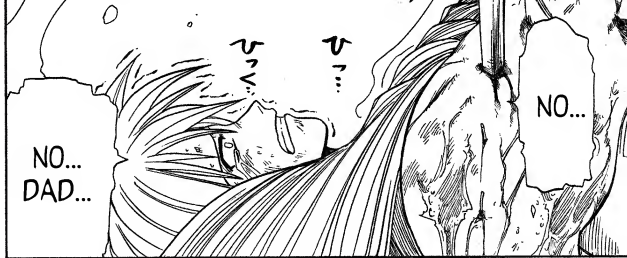


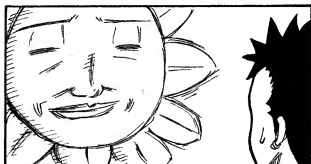
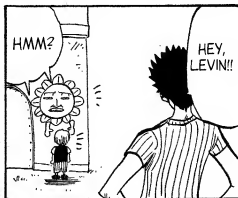
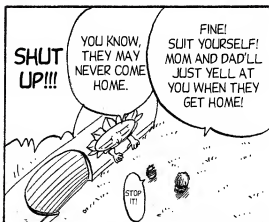
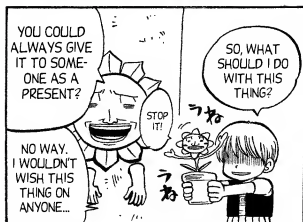
YOU.
YOUR
LIFE.



OH,
DAD...

DON'T
WORRY,
SON. I'LL
PROTECT
YOU.





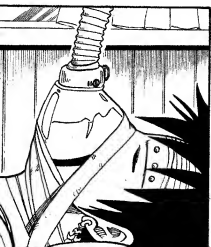
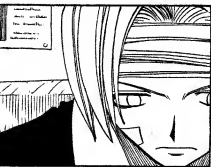
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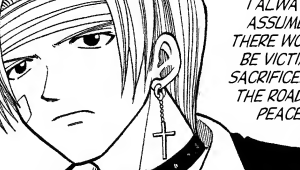
RAVE

MASTER

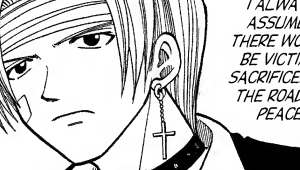


RAVE:73 ⊕ ETERNAL BONDS



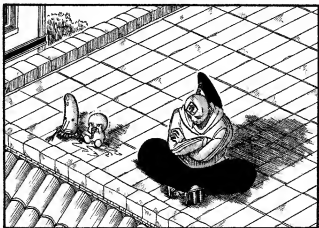


I ALWAYS ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE VICTIMS, SACRIFICES, ON THE ROAD TO PEACE.



I ALWAYS ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE VICTIMS, SACRIFICES, ON THE ROAD TO PEACE.

BUT YOU KNOW, I WONDER WHY HARU WOULD CHOOSE TO BRING HIS FATHER HERE, INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN HOME-TOWN?



THERE,
THERE,
MASTER
PLUE...
PLEASE, TRY
NOT TO BE
SO SAD.

P U U U U U U U

THERE,
THERE,
MASTER
PLUE...
PLEASE, TRY
NOT TO BE
SO SAD.

P U U U U U U U

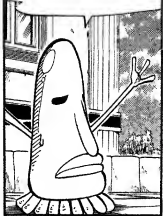
BACK HOME, HARU HAS A VERY LOVELY (I IMAGINE) SISTER. PERHAPS HE DID NOT WANT TO UPSET HER LIKE THAT.

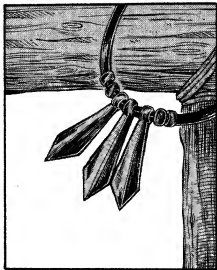
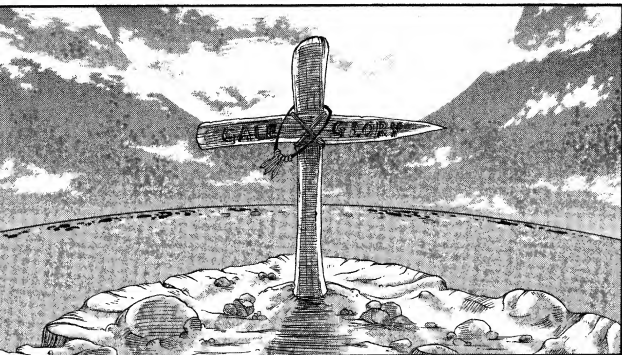
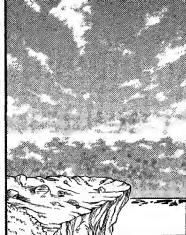
...GOT ME CRYING.

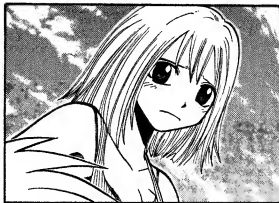
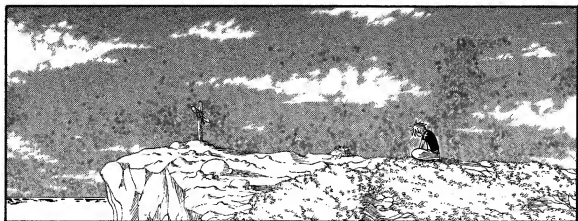
OH, GREAT. NOW YOU'VE EVEN...

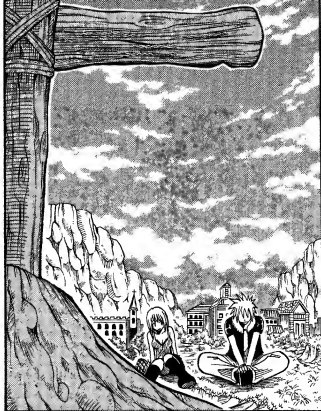
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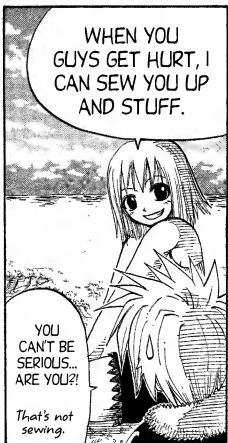
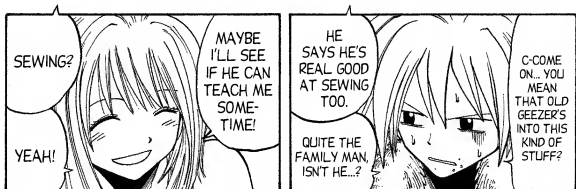
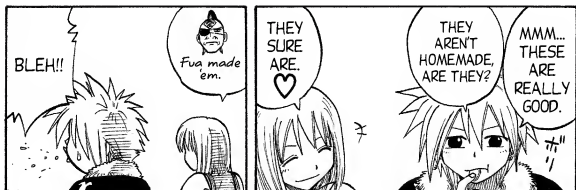
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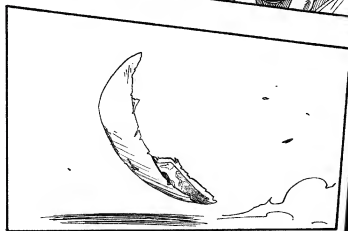
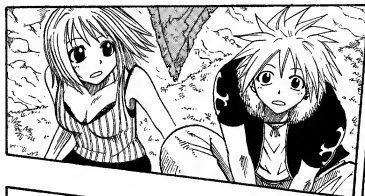


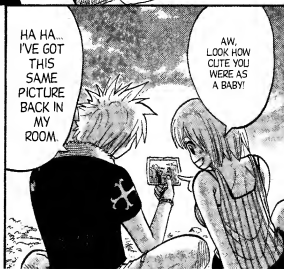
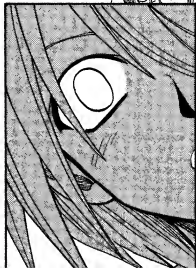
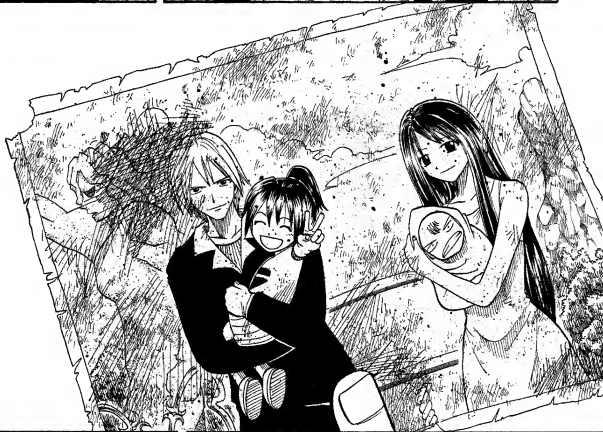
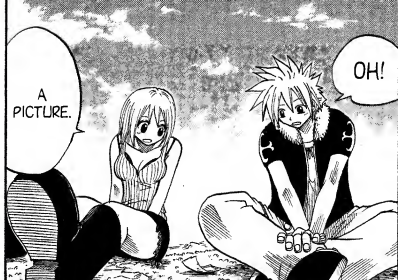












Sakura
Cattleya
Haru

Although we are apart,
my heart will always
be with you.



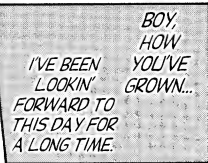
AS SOON AS I
GET BACK TO
GARAGE ISLAND
I'LL ROUND
EVERYONE UP...

SO I CAN SAY...
"I'M HOME."

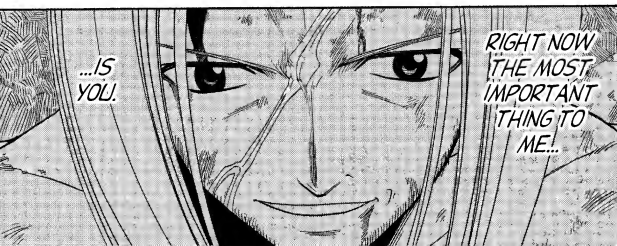


WE'VE GOT THE
REST OF OUR LIVES
TO LEARN ABOUT
EACH OTHER.

WE'RE FAMILY.
IT'S THAT
SIMPLE.

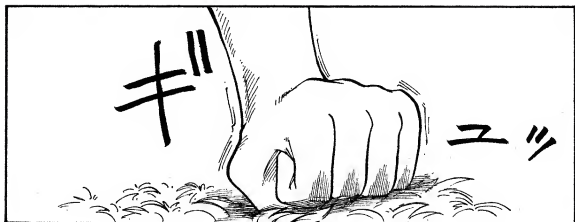


BOY,
HOW
YOU'VE
GROWN...
I'VE BEEN
LOOKIN'
FORWARD TO
THIS DAY FOR
A LONG TIME.



...IS
YOU.

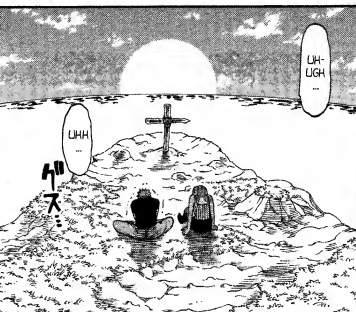
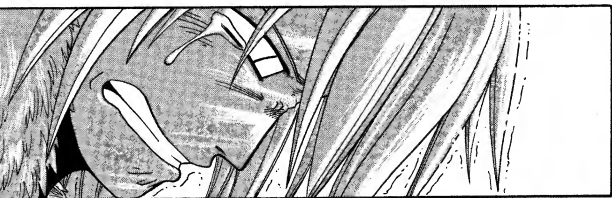
RIGHT NOW
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING TO
ME...



OH,
HARU...

...I
DON'T
THINK
GUYS
SHOULD
HAVE TO
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BACK...

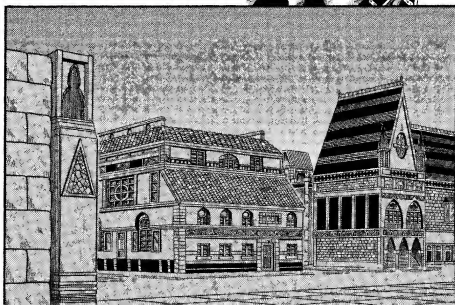
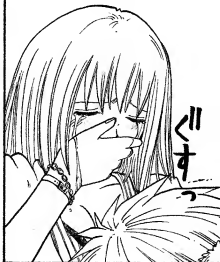
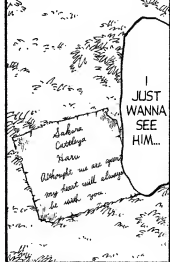
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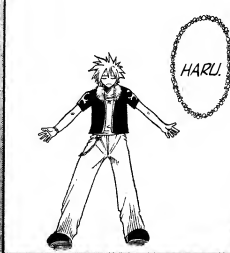




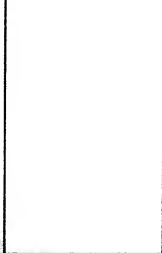




CAN
YOU
HEAR
ME?



HARU.



DAD...?

HARU...

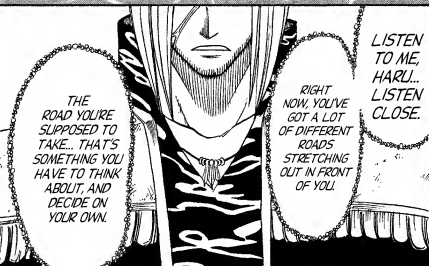


HA HA...
I GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HERE,
INSIDE
YOUR
HEART,
YOU CAN
SEE ME
ANY-TIME.



WH--
WHERE
IS THIS
PLACE
...?



THE
ROAD YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
TAKE... THAT'S
SOMETHING YOU
HAVE TO THINK
ABOUT, AND
DECIDE ON
YOUR OWN.

RIGHT
NOW, YOU'VE
GOT A LOT
OF DIFFERENT
ROADS
STRETCHING
OUT IN FRONT
OF YOU.

LISTEN
TO ME,
HARU...
LISTEN
CLOSE.

INSIDE
YOUR
HEART.

NO FATE,
NO DESTINY.
JUST YOUR
OWN FREE
WILL. IT'S
A VERY
IMPORTANT
DECISION.

IT DOESN'T
MATTER
WHICH PATH
YOU TAKE.
ALL THAT
MATTERS IS
THAT YOU
MAKE UP
YOUR MIND ON
YOUR OWN.

AND
HERE'S THE
ROAD BACK
TO GARAGE
ISLAND...

OVER
HERE
IS THE
JOURNEY
TO FIND
ELIE'S
MEMORY...

HERE,
LET ME
SHOW
YOU.

ON THIS
PATH, YOU
CAN LOOK
FOR THE
REMAINING
TWO RAVES...

WHAT ROAD
WILL YOU
CHOOSE?

I GUESS
MAYBE
ALL OF
'EM.



I WANT TO KNOW
THE REAL MEANING
BEHIND THE RAVES...
I WANT TO SOLVE
THE MYSTERY... SO
I'M GONNA COLLECT
ALL THE RAVES.

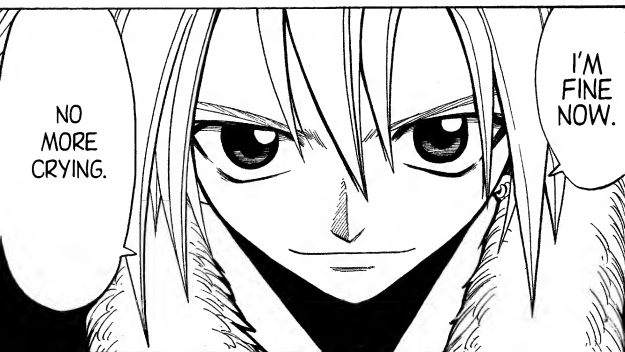
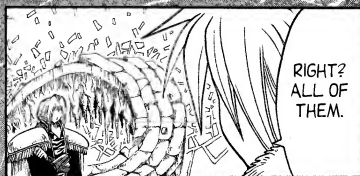


I HEARD
SOMEWHERE THAT
THE RAVES AREN'T
REALLY WEAPONS
FOR BATTLE. AND
WHEN YOU COLLECT
ALL OF THEM, YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND THEIR
TRUE MEANING!

THEN,
WHEN I'M
FINISHED WITH
ALL THAT, I'LL
GO BACK TO
GARAGE
ISLAND.



AND IT LOOKS LIKE
ELIE'S MEMORY MIGHT
HAVE SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THE RAVES
TOO. SO IF WE'RE
TRAVELING TOGETHER,
WE JUST MIGHT FIND
IT FOR HER.

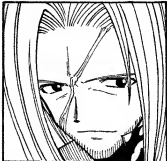




'CAUSE
I HAVE
A NEW
JOURNEY
TO BEGIN!

TO BE CONTINUED

Character Profiles

	HARU'S FATHER, GALE GLORY (REAL NAME: GALE SYMPHONIA GLORY THE 6TH) ① SWORD (AZURE SKY BLADE) ⑦ FAMILY ② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO ⑧ WHAT DEMON CARD BECAME ③ 184CM / 74KG / TYPE A ④ MARRY LOOSE ⑤ WATCHING THE STARS ⑥ ENDURING LONELINESS
	SUPREME COMMANDER OF DC: KING (REAL NAME: GALE RAREGROOVE) ① SWORD & DARKBRING (DECALOGUE, BLACK ZENITH, GATE, MONSTER PRISON, WARP ROAD) ③ 201CM / 92KG / TYPE AB ④ RAREGROOVE ⑤ LISTENING TO CLASSICAL MUSIC ⑥ THE ENCLAIM ⑦ DARK BRING ⑧ GALE GLORY ② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO
	KEEPER OF THE RAVE: CLEA MALTESE (DURING WARRING KINGDOM ERA) ① DOUBLE SHORT SWORD (LAZ HOLY) ⑦ SHIBA ② 9993-0016 (DIED AT AGE 23) ⑧ SHIBA ③ 168CM / 47KG / TYPE B ④ AQUA PALACE ⑤ BIRD WATCHING ⑥ FENCING, HOLY BARRIER MAKING
	KNIGHT OF THE HOLY BARRIER: SOLASIDO SHARPNER ① HOLY CROSS ⑦ YOUNGER SISTER ② JUNE 15, 0042 / 18YO ⑧ DEMONOID, MUSICA ③ 170XM / 58KG / TYPE B ④ AQUA PALACE ⑤ STUDIES ⑥ TELEKINESIS
	KEEPER OF THE RAVE (PSEUDO): REMI MALTESE (REAL NAME: REMI SHARPNER) ① STAFF ⑦ PROPHECIES ② AUGUST 22, 0051 / 15YO ⑧ CENTIPEDES ③ 157CM / 42KG / TYPE D ④ AQUA PALACE ⑤ TANNING SALON ⑥ ACTING
HOW TO READ THE DATA:	① WEAPON ② BIRTHDAY / AGE ③ HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE ④ BIRTHPLACE ⑤ HOBBIES ⑥ SPECIAL SKILLS ⑦ LIKES ⑧ HATES

About the characters

DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHARACTER PROFILE SECTION WAS CONDENSED FOR THIS ISSUE. INSTEAD I'LL TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE CHARACTERS RIGHT HERE. FIRST OFF IS GALE. I CAME UP WITH THIS THINKING I WANTED TO HAVE IT PERTAIN SOMEHOW TO "HARU" (SPRING). "GALE" MEANS "A GUST OF WIND." ACTUALLY, WHEN THIS SERIES STARTED BEING SERIALIZED, I HADN'T DECIDED ANYTHING REGARDING GALE, AND I HELD OFF FIGURING IT OUT UNTIL THE KING STORYLINE. I WASN'T SURE IF THE GALE/KING BACKSTORY WAS REALLY THAT INTERESTING, BUT I WENT WITH IT ANYWAY, SO MAKING EVERYTHING MATCH UP AND BE CONSISTENT WAS PRETTY TOUGH (HA HA!). I HAD BEEN THINKING OF MAKING KING A DESCENDANT OF THE RAREGROOVES FOR A WHILE, BUT EVERY TIME HE APPEARS, HIS HAIR LOOKS DIFFERENT (HA HA!). I'M PRETTY PROUD OF THE WAY I HAD THEM BOTH DIE IN THE END.

I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT I WAS ONLY ABLE TO WORK CLEA MALTESE INTO ONE CHAPTER. I REALLY WANTED TO WORK IN SOME OF HER BACKGROUND AND STUFF INTO THE STORY. THAT'S WHY IN THE UPCOMING *KOK* (KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM) SUPPLEMENT, WHICH DEALS WITH THE WARRING KINGDOM ERA, I MADE SURE SHE WAS TREATED IN A WAY THAT LEAVES A REAL IMPRESSION ON THE READER'S MIND. I WONDER IF THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION OF THE *KOK* STORIES? MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. ANYWAY, IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO READ IT, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR HER.

SOLASIDO AND REMI ENDED UP BEING PRETTY INCIDENTAL CHARACTERS THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. I HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON HAVING THEM JOIN HARU'S PARTY, BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TOO MEMORABLE, SO I SCRATCHED THAT IDEA (HA HA!). BUT DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'LL SHOW UP IN THE STORY AT A LATER DATE. IF I CAN MAKE THEM MORE INTERESTING, THEY MIGHT JUST FIND THEMSELVES A PART OF HARU'S TEAM. (I SWEAR IT'S NOT JUST 'CUZ I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A CHARACTER WITH TAN SKIN-IT'S NOT THAT IT'S A BIG HASSLE PUTTING ON SCREEN TONE FOR HER SKIN COLOR.)

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT WHEN I FIRST DREW SOLASIDO, HE HAD GREEN SKIN. TRUE STORY! HE WENT THROUGH SOME CHANGES TO END UP WHERE HE IS NOW, BUT I'M HAPPY WITH HIM.

“Afterwords”

THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY EXTRA PAGES THIS TIME, WERE THERE. IT MADE THINGS EASIER ON ME, BUT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO ALL YOU READERS OUT THERE WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE. I'M SORRY. BUT IT ISN'T ALL UP TO ME, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO ABOUT IT. THERE WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE PAGES FOR ALL THE PROFILES I HAD PLANNED OUT, SO I HAD TO MAKE IT REAL COMPACT. BUT MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT WAY? I THINK I'LL DO IT THIS WAY FROM NOW ON. BESIDES, IT'LL LEAVE ROOM FOR OTHER EXTRA STUFF TOO!

OKEY-DOKEY, THAT'S SETTLED!

ALL RIGHT. WE'VE FINALLY COME TO A CLOSE FOR THE KING STORY ARC, AND THE NEXT VOLUME WILL TAKE US INTO A NEW DIRECTION. IF VOLUMES 1-9 OVERALL WERE ABOUT DEMON CARD, I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THIS AS THE “END OF PART I.” JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, IN THE KING ARC ALL THE MYSTERIES ARE SOLVED, AND I WAS CONSIDERING MAKING IT THE END OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THAT'S A LITTLE TOO CONTRIVED, AND THERE'S LOTS OF FUN STUFF I'LL BE ABLE TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE STORY, SO I DECIDED AGAINST THAT. OF COURSE I DIDN'T START OFF WITH THE INTENTION OF ENDING IT HERE, EITHER (HA HA!). I WAS THINKING THE END OF THE KING ARC WOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF THE BLUE, AS I WAS DRAWING, I WAS OVERCOME WITH THE SILLY DESIRE TO MAKE A BRAND-NEW SERIES, SO I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF HOW I COULD WRAP EVERYTHING UP AT THE END OF THE KING ARC. BUT I CAN'T JUST END ONE SERIES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS TO START ANOTHER ONE. I'M STILL A NEWBIE IN THIS BUSINESS AND ALL! AND THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF MY DELIBERATIONS (APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS). AFTER THAT, I DECIDED TO DEVOTE ALL MY ENERGY TO *RAVE MASTER*. DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GIVING THIS MY ALL, OF COURSE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO MAKE *RAVE MASTER* BETTER AND BETTER! I'LL BE WORKING MY BUTT OFF TO DO IT!

ON THAT NOTE, *RAVE MASTER* WILL GO ON!! I GUESS!! THE NEXT VOLUME WILL BRING US INTO WHAT I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK OF AS THE “DESTINY” (TENTATIVE, ERR, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY) ARC OF THE STORY. SO I HOPE YOU ALL KEEP READING ALONG.

AND AFTER THAT WILL BE THE 3RD ARC, “SPACE,” AND THE 4TH, “TOKYO,” AND THE 5TH, “SOCCER,” AND THE 6TH, “HORROR FLICK,” AND THE 7TH, “PLUE'S RIGHT EYE,” SO WATCH OUT FOR 'EM. I'M SORRY.

I'M JUST KIDDING ABOUT THAT.

Accessory Rave-olution!

WELL, THE "KING ARC" IS OVER AND IT'S BEEN A WILD RIDE. HARU AND TEAM HAVE MET SO MANY PEOPLE ON THEIR QUEST, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT KEEPING TRACK OF WHO'S WHO. LET'S SEE IF YOU'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE DETAILS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHICH PIECES OF JEWELRY AND TATTOOS GO WITH WHICH CHARACTERS? EACH CHARACTER IS USED ONLY ONCE. GOOD LUCK!



HARU GLORY
ELIE
MUSICA
GEORCO
SHUDA
RUGAR 70
POOSYA
BIS
LANCE
ROSA
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REINA
SEIG HART
JEGAN
MELODIA
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